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### TCA PUBLISHES FIRST INSTALMENT OF CONSOLIDATED HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA INFORMATION

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) today published the first instalment of consolidated rest area location and amenity information.

[In July 2018](#), TCA announced that it was consolidating heavy vehicle rest area information in digital format, for use in navigation devices and services used by heavy vehicle drivers and operators.

TCA's Chief Executive Officer, Chris Koniditsiotis, said "As I stated in July, the consolidation of heavy vehicle rest area information, incorporating both formal and informal rest area locations, is long overdue. Despite general rest area information being offered through consumer navigation devices, heavy vehicle drivers face difficulties in finding in-cab devices and services which meet their specific needs."

These issues were highlighted during the 2018 fatigueHACK hosted by the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) in April 2018.

"Since July we've taken rest area location data currently available from Australia's road and transport agencies and translated it into a standardised form which can be readily used by technology providers (by referencing the data definitions contained in the [Telematics Data Dictionary](#) – part of the [National Telematics Framework](#))."

"While rest area information was available prior, it was in different formats and retrieval methods across between sources."

This new digital heavy vehicle rest area information complements the recent release of the Austroads [Guidelines for the Provision of Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Facilities](#), which aims to help road managers assess the need and prioritisation for and design of heavy vehicle rest areas across the road network.

#### First instalment of consolidated heavy vehicle rest area information

The first instalment released today comprises heavy vehicle rest area information in Queensland and South Australia, comprising:

- Rest area information in Queensland – supplied by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)
- Rest area information in South Australia – supplied by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

"Standardised heavy vehicle rest area information from both jurisdictions can now be accessed at no cost through the [Traveller Information Exchange \(TIX\)](#)," said Mr Koniditsiotis.

By providing information in multiple ways, TIX serves a diverse range of user needs, including those who:

- Purchase telematics services from providers
- Have their own systems
- Just want the data in a standardised form.

Users can access information on heavy vehicle rest areas through TIX on the [TCA website](#).

#### Future instalments

The ability to source and standardise information from multiple sources, including users like Road Transport and Safety Advocate, Rod Hannifey, highlights the value of TIX.

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TCA is working with Rod Hannifey to digitise existing road infrastructure that may be suitable for informal heavy vehicle rest locations. The provision of informal rest area demonstrates how crowd-sourced data can be disseminated in a standardised format through TIX.

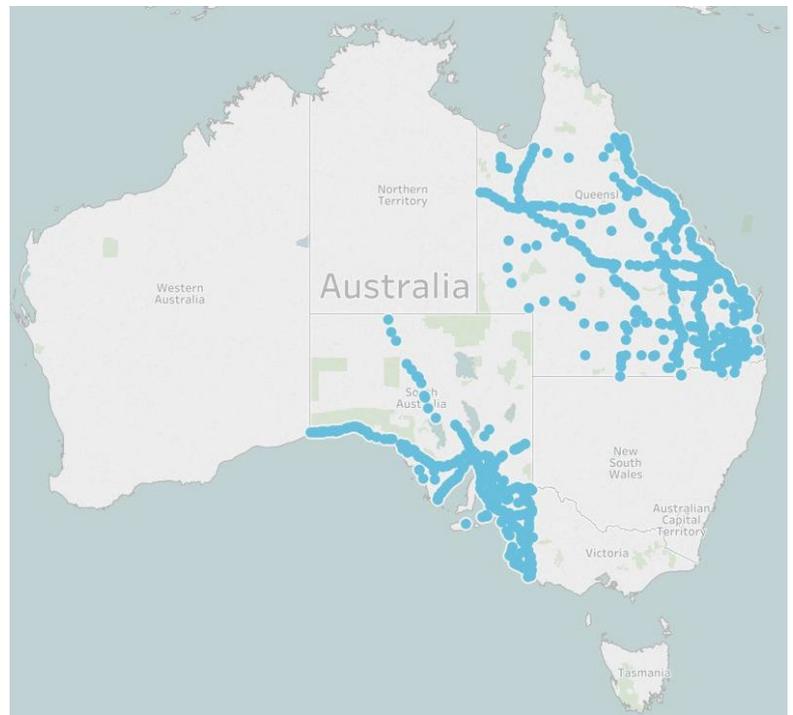
As we move forward, there are opportunities for:

- Other types of crowd-sourced data to be disseminated through TIX
- Users to maintain the currency of crowd-sourced data (for example, when current rest areas are no longer available, or when new rest areas become available).

“We encourage operators to consider the heavy vehicle rest area information” said Mr Koniditsiotis.



TCA Chief Executive Officer, Chris Koniditsiotis, with Road and Transport Safety Advocate, Rod Hannifey.



Map of consolidated heavy vehicle rest area locations now available as a first instalment through the Traveller Information Exchange (TIX).

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