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INFORMAL REST AREAS (GREEN REFLECTORS) – TCA RELEASES SECOND INSTALMENT OF CONSOLIDATED HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA INFORMATION

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) today commenced the release of digitised informal rest area information through the [Traveller Information Exchange \(TIX\)](#).

The second instalment of consolidated heavy vehicle rest area information is the first time that information about informal rest areas – identified by green reflectors – has been digitised.

The Chief Executive Officer of TCA, Chris Koniditsiotis, said “Over the last twelve months TCA has worked with Road and Transport Safety Advocate, Rod Hannifey, to digitally record location and amenity information of informal rest areas.”

“By using in-cab navigation devices which reference information provided through TIX, drivers will have advance knowledge of informal rest area locations and amenities during their trip.”

“As the outgoing Chief Executive Officer of TCA, I am particularly pleased that Rod Hannifey’s work on green reflectors (which he has personally championed for nearly two decades) has progressed into the digital realm,” said Mr Koniditsiotis.

Rod Hannifey has been promoting the use of green reflectors as a cheap and effective measure to identify informal rest areas. The opportunity to digitally record the location of informal rest areas led TCA to work with Mr Hannifey on this initiative.

Mr Hannifey said “I welcome TCA’s support and enthusiasm for making truck rest area information more available and accessible than ever before, and including green reflector marking of informal bays as well. We need not only more rest areas, but the ability to know where they are in advance, to help us manage our fatigue.”

“When you get tired and need a site, you need to know when rest areas are available. If we save one driver from a fatigue event, this will be yet another step-in helping drivers be safe on the road,” said Mr Hannifey.

The 2018 fatigueHACK hosted by the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) in April 2018 kick-started a conversation about rest area information through in-cab devices.

The Chief Executive Officer of the ATA, Ben Maguire, said “During our fatigue hackathon, industry members raised a number of concerns and the need for practical solutions.”

“We’re thrilled TCA took notice and really ran with it, working with industry to provide truck drivers and operators free access to rest area location and amenity information.”

“Heavy vehicle rest areas will be a key issue for discussion at our Trucking Australia conference in Perth this April. I’m really excited TCA will be part of this positive conversation and bring some new thinking to the table,” said Mr Maguire.

The digitisation of informal rest area information complements the installation of green reflector markings near informal truck bays along the Newell Highway Newell Highway, which was progressed with Rod Hannifey during Round 2 of the [Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative](#) program ministered by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) on behalf of the Commonwealth Government). It also coincides with the recent release of the Austroads [Guidelines for the Provision of Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Facilities](#), which includes guidelines on the use of green reflectors to identify informal rest areas.

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

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Background

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 "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."

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

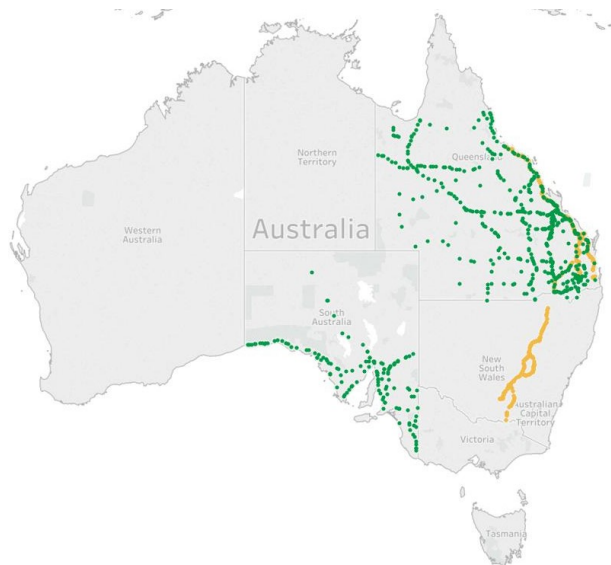
By providing information in multiple ways, TIX serves a diverse range of user needs, including those who:

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

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



Map of consolidated heavy vehicle rest area locations (**formal** and **informal**) now available through the Traveller Information Exchange (TIX).

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