Communiqué

The Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Board met on 25 July 2019 in Melbourne, Victoria. The following is the communiqué of the Board.

Administration

Appointments:
- Shane Gregory was appointed to the office of Chairperson of TCA for a term up until November 2020.
- Neil Scales was appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of TCA for a term up until November 2020.

Strategic Issues

Key strategic issues were covered, including the following:

Executive EGM report

The TCA Executive General Manager provided Directors with an update, highlighting that the work program for 2018-19 had been successfully delivered and that the number of vehicles enrolled in TCA-recognised applications and features of the National Telematics Framework increased by 16.4% during 2018-19.

Strategic Plan

A Strategic Planning Workshop was held with the Board on 24 July 2019. Outcomes from the workshop will be a key input towards developing a short Statement of Strategic Intent, and towards a new TCA Strategic Plan for 2020-24, which will be ready for endorsement in early 2020.

Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)

TCA is providing input and assistance to the National Transport Commission (NTC) with its review of the HVNL, including but not limited to consideration of a best practice model for regulatory telematics.

Jurisdictional policies regarding Intelligent Access Program (IAP)

An update was provided on the status of IAP as a condition for some jurisdictional access schemes. Further consideration is being given to the role that new applications under the National Telematics Framework could play, and the role that TCA has with assisting jurisdictions and the industry.

Council-approved business case

Progress on delivering activities under the business case to enhance telematics applications and services, as approved by the Transport and Infrastructure Council in November 2018, is on schedule with some actions already delivered and others to be progressed during 2019-20. New applications at new levels of assurance, being the Telematics Monitoring Application (TMA) and the Road Infrastructure Management (RIM) application, are ready for deployment.

Telematics Industry Group (TIG)

It was noted that TCA was hosting a meeting of the TIG in Melbourne on 1 August 2019, at which key government and industry stakeholders will discuss and share updates on the new applications and features of the National Telematics Framework.
Operations

Key operational matters were discussed, including the following:

Service delivery
The number of vehicles enrolled in the National Telematics Framework and its certified applications was at 5,608 at the end of June 2019, representing a 16.4% increase for the year. Type approval of new telematics devices was progressing well, including positive uptake of On-Board Mass (OBM) systems.

Budget and program
The budget to support the work program for 2019-20 was endorsed.

Next TCA Board meeting
The next TCA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2019 in Canberra ACT.