

# IAP What's In It For Me?

## SUTHERLAND TRANSPORT

Sutherland Transport have introduced three vehicles in the south-west NSW region. All three trucks are successfully operating under the Intelligent Access Program (IAP).

### THE TRANSPORT OPERATOR

Since its establishment in 1998, Sutherland Transport has used its strategic location at Cootamundra, the halfway point on the Sydney-Melbourne rail line to become a preferred road and rail operator in south-west New South Wales. Sutherland Transport's customers include prominent companies in agribusiness, forestry, steel manufacturing and construction materials.

### THE OPERATION

The company recently signed a five year agreement with Visy Pulp & Paper to supply three specialised walking floor B-double trucks and trailers to transport woodchip from Bathurst to Tumut via a hubbing facility at Cootamundra.

### WHAT'S IN THE IAP FOR SUTHERLAND TRANSPORT

Sutherland Transport's two principals, Mr Chris Sutherland and Mr Tony Sutherland are committed to the adoption of leading edge technology to assist in more effective delivery of freight solutions to its customers. They share a similar commitment to the implementation of integrated transport management systems that allow for continuous improvement in compliance with road and OH&S laws, better customer relationships as well as more efficient and reliable service.

### THE BENEFITS

The vehicles are fitted with IAP, 24/7 real time GPS tracking, 'OPTALERT™', the latest fatigue management technology and are speed limited to 95 km/h, or to lower speed limits where road conditions deem this to be necessary. IAP Service Provider Transtech Driven worked with Sutherland Transport to install these technologies in accordance with technical requirements.

Sutherland Transport chose to install additional, purpose-built features which sit outside the compliance and regulatory framework associated with the IAP. These additional features are designed to assist Sutherland Transport in managing its day to day operations. The process also demonstrated the inherent versatility of IAP in allowing commercial telematics uses. To enable this Transtech Driven undertook a recertification process with Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA) which allowed for the integration of the system.



Managing Director, Mr Chris Sutherland said installing IAP, provides both Visy and the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) with the assurance they need that these vehicles will remain on their designated routes. 'We worked closely with the RTA to secure Higher Mass Limits (HML) access between Bathurst and Cootamundra. However bridge design issues and road conditions presently limit our gross to 64 tonne on the leg between Gundagai and Tumut.'

Mr Chris Sutherland continued 'It is commercially viable for us to gross 68 tonnes to Cootamundra then offload four tonnes on the leg to Tumut. By having these three vehicles dedicated to this task and undertaking over 1,300 truck trips per annum, made IAP a worthwhile investment in our future.'

The integration of the IAP technology with 'OPTALERT™' is another step forward into the future, and the real time direct tracking of driver fatigue levels a first for the industry. Our operations staff are able to constantly monitor truck and driver activity, receiving immediate system alerts whenever a non conformance is detected.

Sutherland Transport intends to play a prominent role in both road and rail freight and is committed to playing its part in working with its customers to reduce the environmental footprint caused by freight movements.

Co-Director Mr Tony Sutherland said that while they are passionate about rail and its ability to take some of the freight task from road, they also see environmental gains being possible within road freight through the adoption of higher payloads.

'Installation of IAP enables our company to achieve a lower environmental footprint per tonne-kilometre because it reduces the number of truck trips performed under our Visy contract by 6%, and saves around 30,000 litres of fuel per annum.'



## AT A GLANCE

- Sutherland Transport recently signed a five year agreement with Visy Pulp & Paper
- Three B-double's are fitted with IAP
- IAP is helping Sutherland Transport with fatigue and speed management
- A lower environmental footprint per tonne-kilometre achieved
- 6% reduction in truck trips, saving around 30,000 litres of fuel per annum
- IAP Service Provider – Transtech Driven

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, visit the TCA website at [www.tca.gov.au](http://www.tca.gov.au)

The information contained in this case study is intended to convey the experiences of the transport operator/s concerned. The benefits of IAP mentioned in this case study may not be true for all transport operators. Transport operators should consider the appropriateness of IAP to their business operations, objectives and circumstances before enrolling in IAP.