

TCA Board Meeting No. 90

2 April 2020

Communiqué

The Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Board met on 2 April 2020 by teleconference. The meeting was chaired by Louise McCormack.

Administration

The previous TCA Chairperson, Shane Gregory, resigned from the TCA Board on 31 January 2020. With the Deputy Chairperson, Neil Scales, an apology for the meeting, Louise McCormack was endorsed to chair the meeting. The Board agreed to select an ongoing Chairperson out-of-session.

The following were welcomed to the meeting as new Directors of TCA:

- John Hardwick, Executive Director Asset Management, Transport for New South Wales.
- Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services, Department of State Growth, Tasmania.

The Board expressed its thanks to Nick Koukoulas, Austroads Chief Executive and TCA company secretary, who is resigning on 15 April 2020. A recommendation to replace Nick in the company secretary role was endorsed.

Strategic Issues

Key strategic issues were covered, including the following:

- **Strategic Plan for 2020-24** | A new Strategic Plan for TCA was presented to the Board for approval. It provides clarity on TCA's role and services, the strategic challenges it faces, and the strategic objectives going forward. The Board approved the new Strategic Plan, pending minor changes.
- **Budget and program for 2020-21** | The proposed budget and program for the next financial year was presented. It builds upon the current year's budget and program and aligns with the strategic directions of the organisation. The Board provided in principle endorsement, subject to final approval at the July Board meeting.
- **Functional review** | The Board considered and endorsed the key findings and recommendations coming out of a review of TCA's core functions. The review was an action following on from the fold in of TCA to Austroads and was a key input into the new Strategic Plan for 2020-24. A paper to inform the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee (TISOC) about the review was noted.
- **New telematics applications** | An update was provided on the development and deployment of new TCA-certified applications, at different levels of assurance, and the planning by jurisdictions to use these.
- **Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) review** | TCA's input and support of the HVNL review was noted. A key next step will be to review and respond to the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) once released by the National Transport Commission (NTC), particularly where it relates to telematics and data.

Operations

Key operational matters were covered, including the following:

- **Telematics applications** | The number of vehicles enrolled in the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) and associated applications increased by 10.2% during the first eight months of 2019-20 to 6,183 vehicles. In addition, the new Road Infrastructure Management (RIM) application had over 100 vehicles enrolled.
- **Type approvals** | Technology providers have submitted five telematics devices and four On-Board Mass (OBM) systems to be assessed for TCA type approval this year.

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- **Support services** | The support services provided to transport authorities and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) for monitored vehicles have continued to meet requirements. Also, several notable data analysis and reporting projects have been delivered to date.
 - **New website** | The new TCA website was launched in February 2020, with a more contemporary look and feel and a much-improved content management system. Feedback from stakeholders has been positive.

Next TCA Board meeting

The next TCA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 1 July 2020 in Adelaide, SA, noting a virtual meeting will be considered if COVID-19 travel restrictions are still in place at the time.