

## TCA Board Meeting No. 92

5 November 2020

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### Communiqué

The Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Board met on 5 November 2020 by video conference.

#### Administration

The Board endorsed Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary Transport Services from the Tasmanian Department of State Growth, continuing as Chairperson, and endorsed Neil Scales, Director General of Queensland's Department of Transport and Main Roads, continuing as Deputy Chairperson, both for a two-year term.

#### Strategic Issues

Key strategic issues were covered, including the following:

- **COVID-19** | The impact of COVID-19 on TCA's work program was considered, including additional demands for data services and pressures on key stakeholders. The welfare and efforts of TCA's staff during the lockdown period was also considered, along with planning for a transition to a COVID normal.
- **Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) review** | TCA has made a submission to the National Transport Commission (NTC) in response to its Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS), supporting the proposed role for TCA. A Decision RIS is anticipated to be presented to Ministers in the first half of 2021.
- **National Freight Data Hub** | TCA is supporting planning activities for the future hub, particularly with its potential use of analysis and reporting from heavy vehicle telematics data.
- **Annual Report for 2019-20** | TCA's Annual Report 2019-20 was presented to the Board. It will now be made accessible via the TCA website.
- **Budgeting for 2021-22** | Preliminary advice and planning regarding TCA's work program and budgeting approach for the 2021-22 financial year was considered.

#### Operations

Key operational matters were covered, including the following:

- **Application enrolments** | The number of vehicles enrolled in the TCA telematics applications increased by about 4.3% for the first quarter of 2020-21, with growth across the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), Telematics Monitoring Application (TMA) and Road Infrastructure Management (RIM) applications.
- **Device type-approvals** | Three telematics devices have been type-approved YTD, with another two currently being assessed. The first Smart On-Board Mass (OBM) system was type-approved in 2020, with two more Category B systems currently being assessed.
- **Telematics Analytics Platform (TAP)** | Plans are well progressed to enable access by a select group of local councils to TAP and its data analytics and visualisations.
- **Data insights platform** | The first phase of a project to develop a new contemporary data platform, which will enable more efficient data processing, big data storage and complex analysis, is progressing well.

#### Next TCA Board meeting

The next TCA Board meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on 4 February 2021. The Board endorsed a forward schedule of four Board meetings in 2021.