

TCA Board Meeting No. 93

4 February 2021

Communiqué

The Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Board met on 4 February 2021 by video conference. The meeting was chaired by Louise McCormick, General Manager Transport and Civil Services, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Northern Territory.

Administration

Two new Directors were welcomed to their first TCA Board meeting. Since the last Board meeting, Maree Bridger, First Assistant Secretary Surface Transport Policy from the Australian Government was appointed to replace Jessica Hall, and Emma Kokar, Executive Director Road and Marine Services from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, South Australia, was appointed to replace Tony Braxton-Smith.

Strategic Issues

Key strategic issues were covered, including the following:

- **COVID-19** | The impact of COVID-19 on TCA's work program and service providers was discussed. The evolving arrangement to support TCA's staff was also considered, including progress on the phased approach to re-open TCA's Melbourne office in line with the easing of restrictions.
- **Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) review** | The National Transport Commission (NTC) is leading a review of the HVNL, including consideration of a proposed future role for TCA. The NTC is drafting a Decision Regulation Impact Statement for consideration by Ministers in May 2021.
- **National Freight Data Hub** | TCA continues to provide data services and support for the development of this hub.
- **Budgeting for 2021-22** | Support was provided for the funding approach and next steps to develop TCA's work program and budget for 2021-22, which will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Operations

Key operational matters were covered, including the following:

- **Application enrolments** | The total number of vehicles enrolled in the TCA telematics applications reached a milestone in December 2020 when it passed 7,000 vehicles. Positive growth was reported for the first half of 2020-21 for the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), Telematics Monitoring Application (TMA), and Road Infrastructure Management (RIM) applications.
- **Device type-approvals** | Four telematics devices have been type-approved YTD, with another currently being assessed. It was also noted that there are now three Smart On-Board Mass (OBM) systems that have been type-approved by TCA.
- **Telematics Analytics Platform (TAP)** | TAP user access has commenced for a select group of local councils in NSW and Tasmania, allowing access to its data analytics and visualisations.
- **Data insights platform** | The first phase of a project to develop a new contemporary data platform and analytics capability continues to be progressed.

Next TCA Board meeting

The next TCA Board meeting is scheduled to be held on 28 April 2021.