

TCA Board Meeting 95 5 August 2021

Communique

The Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Board met on 5 August 2021 by video conference. The meeting was chaired by Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary, Transport and Infrastructure, Tasmanian Department of State Growth.

Administration

The appointment of Ken Marshall, Director Roads at Transport Canberra and City Services, ACT, as an Alternate Director for Jim Corrigan was noted. Further, the nomination of a new Director from Victorian Department of Transport was noted as pending.

Strategic Issues

Key strategic issues were covered, including the following:

- **Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) review** | The proposed forward program from the National Transport Commission (NTC) was endorsed by Ministers in late May 2021. This includes the establishment of a Technology and Data Working Group, which TCA has been invited to as a member.
- **Jurisdictional telematics policies and schemes** | Several state transport authorities developed new road access policies involving TCA-administered telematics schemes during 2020-21. TCA continues to assist jurisdictions with future planning.
- **National Freight Data Hub** | TCA provided data services and support to the prototype data hub website, which was publicly released in late May 2021, and has received positive feedback.

Operations

Key operational matters were covered, including the following:

- **Telematics applications** | The total number of vehicle enrolments in TCA telematics applications increased by 23% during 2020-21, with positive growth in each of the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), Telematics Monitoring Application (TMA), and Road Infrastructure Management (RIM) applications.
- **Device type-approvals** | Four telematics devices were TCA type-approved during 2020-21, along with continued interest in type-approval at level of assurance two (which supports TMA and RIM applications). The first two operator systems were TCA type-approved during 2020-21, with other operators also showing interest. Three Smart On-Board Mass (OBM) systems have been TCA type-approved, with another pending.
- **Support services** | TCA has commenced work on establishing back-office IAP services to support the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and its national services transition program.
- **Telematics Analytics Platform (TAP)** | Access to TCA's TAP data analytics portal continues to be expanded with local councils in NSW and Tasmania. Development on a new map-based user interface is underway, with an initial deployment planned in the first half of 2021-22.
- **Data management platform** | The development on TCA's new contemporary data platform and analytics capability is progressing well, with a phased deployment to production to occur during 2021-22.

Next TCA Board meeting

The next TCA Board meeting is scheduled to be held on 27 October 2021.