

TCA Board Meeting 96 28 October 2021

Communique

The Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Board met on 28 October 2021 by video conference. The meeting was chaired by Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary, Transport and Infrastructure, Tasmanian Department of State Growth.

Administration

The appointments of Praveen Reddy, Executive Director Freight Victoria as a Director, and Geoff Magoffin, A/Deputy Director-General Customer Service as Alternate Director for Neil Scales, were noted.

The TCA Annual Report for 2020-21 was presented and will be published to the TCA website in November 2021.

Strategic Issues

Key strategic issues were covered, including the following:

- Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) review | The Board considered the status of the HVNL Review, particularly with regard to the proposed technology and data framework and the potential future role for TCA. Ministers will be considering relevant policy positions at their meeting in December 2021.
- Jurisdictional telematics policies and schemes | TCA continues to advise and support transport authorities that are planning new or revised road access policies and schemes, particularly those involving vehicle monitoring.
- Temporary Traffic Management Devices | The Board noted TCA's support to Austroads with its project for an assessment scheme for temporary traffic management devices.
- National Freight Data Hub | TCA supplied aggregated data to support recent updated reporting on the prototype National Freight Data Hub website.

Operations

Key operational matters were covered, including the following:

- Telematics applications | The total number of vehicle enrolments in TCA telematics applications increased by 4.6% during the first quarter of 2021-22. Active support continues to be provided for new and revised monitoring schemes, including the Smart On-Board Mass (OBM) requirement that has been introduced for High Productivity Freight Vehicles in Victoria.
- Device type-approvals | Six telematics devices and four OBM systems have been submitted for TCA type-approval so far in 2021-22. One transport operator system is also being assessed.
- Support services | TCA continues to progress 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) | The Board were updated on the successful release of the new TAP map-based user interface, which went live in September 2021. Further enhancements to the interface are planned, and the underpinning data management platform continues to be developed.

Next TCA Board meeting

The next TCA Board meeting is scheduled to be held on 3 February 2022.