

TRANSPORT CERTIFICATION AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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TCA CONGRATULATES NSW GOVERNMENT ON PASSING IAP LEGISLATION

Transport Certification Australia (TCA), the company administering the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), welcomes the NSW Government's decision to pass IAP legislation in NSW.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris Koniditsiotis said the legislation provides transport operators with greater flexibility as it opens up more road access for heavy and innovative vehicles, as well as, seeking to increase road safety and improve infrastructure management by ensuring heavy vehicles follow approved routes.

"The NSW Government obviously recognises that the IAP can provide social and environment benefits and the transport industry too have identified the productivity gains that IAP will provide – it is a win-win situation for all", Mr Koniditsiotis said.

The Roads and Traffic Authority in New South Wales has received more than 500 IAP pre-enrolment applications to operate at Higher Mass Limits (HML). More than 230 permits have been issued to transport operators so that vehicles can operate at HML in NSW on routes within the 100km corridor announced by the NSW Government on 1 July 2006.

"It is encouraging to see transport operators pre-enrolled for HML under the IAP. They obviously know their business and recognise the productivity gains the IAP will offer them under HML", said Mr Koniditsiotis.

"Specific IAP applications developed by road authorities are offered to all transport operators, and we are aware that some IAP applications may suit some transport operators but not others. But transport operators should not sit back and wait for road authorities to prescribe IAP uses.

"As the IAP becomes more readily available, the transport operators should be proactive in proposing applications of the IAP which will suit their particular business requirements to negotiate enhanced access to the road network," he said.

TCA will launch the IAP nationally by the end of 2006 when it commences the certification process of applicant IAP Service Providers.

Other road authorities across Australia are currently developing their administrative systems to support the IAP, and will start implementing an IAP environment when IAP Service Providers are certified.

It is expected participation in the program to grow to about 8,500 vehicles by 2010.

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