

## TRANSPORT CERTIFICATION AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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### **IAP Hitting its Targets – A National Boon**

The Intelligent Access Program (IAP) represents a paradigm shift in negotiating heavy vehicle access and provides a long-term solution to Australia's growing freight task - a national gathering of TDL representatives and operators heard.

Transport Certification Australia Limited Chair, Steve Golding presented the latest developments of the IAP at the Australian Trucking Association National Trucking Convention on Saturday, 14 April.

TCA is a public company set up by state and national governments to develop and implement the IAP. Its role is to certify, audit and, if necessary, terminate the certification of IAP Service Providers.

"IAP has been designed to provide a long-term solution to Australia's growing freight task. This gives transport operators improved and flexible access to the road network to suit their specific business and operational needs whilst providing road authorities and the general public with more confidence that heavy vehicles are complying with the agreed road access conditions," Mr. Golding said.

Outlining the key objectives of the IAP, Mr. Golding delineated some of these as already well underway.

"In terms of taking the IAP to market, the figures speak for themselves. Application for Certification has been available since December 2006. More than 2000 vehicles have pre-enrolled in the NSW HML. IAP opens key routes for B-Triples and AB-Triples in NSW's west."

Mr. Golding emphasized the creation of relationships with key stakeholders as another fundamental objective. "We have appointed a Transport Industry Liaison Manager and have also recently formed the IAP Transport Industry Liaison Group (TILG) – in order to strengthen and maintain our relationship with the industry. Overall however, it is our goal to establish a standard of excellence."

Citing ways in which the IAP is already enhancing its product and service offering, Mr Golding drew on the potential for interoperability between prime movers and trailers, and on-board vehicle mass-monitoring. Feasibility work has commenced on technology for both of these applications. In addition, the IAP Certification Symbol creates a competitive advantage for telematics companies – one which signifies that a company meets the required standards for IAP participation and protects Transport Operators against false claims of IAP certification.

The IAP is not a 'one trick pony'. We have built a framework that provides flexibility to deal with emerging and new issues. That framework builds on existing telematics capabilities and provides a model for implementation of other important policy issues going forward.

In concluding, Mr Golding urged operators not to wait for jurisdictions to announce IAP Applications but to use IAP to negotiate their own enhanced road access.

"IAP has gone to market and we are delighted with the telematics industry response. Similarly, we have experienced excellent responses from jurisdictions and industry who see the manifest opportunities offered by IAP to unlock better road network productivity. We will rollout IAP Service Providers from mid-2007," he said.  
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