

## TRANSPORT CERTIFICATION AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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### IAP USED TO RESPOND TO INDUSTRY DEMANDS FOR PRODUCTIVITY

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA), the company administering the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), congratulates the NSW Government for using the IAP to provide significant productivity benefits to NSW's western farming and mining district by making B-Triple and AB-Triple access possible.

The NSW Government recently announced to the transport industry that it will open up key routes for B-Triples and AB-Triples on all or part of ten strategically important routes in NSW's west with the IAP a condition of that access as part of the Government's *Road Train Modernisation Program*.

The productivity gains means that farmers and mining operators will be able to increase the traditional double-trailer road train gross limit of 79 tonnes to 113 tonnes with the new AB-Triple combinations under higher mass limits.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris Koniditsiotis said significant productivity gains can be gained by using the IAP, and it is clearly demonstrated in this new use of the IAP which increases gross weight of up to 34 tonnes on an AB-Triple combination under higher mass limits.

"Being able to carry the extra weight has been strongly sought after by the farming communities and mining operators in western NSW for many years", said Mr Koniditsiotis.

"The B-Triples can carry extra payload providing farmers with additional deck space to carry more livestock and for the mining operators to carry more mineral sands, used to produce high value exports such as platinum. Consequently the productivity gains may be passed onto the retailer and ultimately to the end consumer.

"Here is a perfect example of how the IAP has been used to respond to industry's demands for more productive vehicles and the ability to carry more load in return for demonstrating to the Roads Traffic Authority in NSW that the vehicles are complying with the agreed access conditions", he said.

*The IAP is a brand new approach to road management. A voluntary program, the IAP uses the Global Navigational Satellite System to monitor heavy vehicles' road use, while giving transport operators flexible access to the Australian road network to suit their specific business and operational needs. In return it provided road authorities with more confidence that heavy vehicles are complying with the agreed road access conditions.*

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