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IAP finds role in new High Productivity Vehicles trial in Victoria

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA), the organisation administering the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) has welcomed the recent announcement by the Victorian Minister for Roads and Ports, the Honorable Tim Pallas regarding the introduction of a Next Generation High Productivity Freight Vehicle (HPFV) trial, which will be undertaken with the use of Intelligent Access Program (IAP) technology.

Minister Pallas launched the HPFV trial guidelines on 11 September 2009 which will see the trial run for two years. The trial allows B-double vehicles, capable of carrying two 40-foot shipping containers, to move goods on selected routes throughout Victoria and is part of the Government's Freight Futures Strategy Initiative.

These selected routes include key metropolitan freeways that link the Port of Melbourne with major industrial areas as well as the Green Triangle region. Minister Pallas's announcement stated that the trial enables vehicles to carry up to 30 per cent more freight, thus reducing the number of trucks needed on Victorian roads to perform the same freight task.

The IAP's innovative GPS technology will facilitate the ability to monitor vehicle operations to ensure the longer B-doubles adhere to the pre-approved routes.

TCA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris Koniditsiotis, said: "We are excited about the introduction of the trial and the integration of HPFV's into the metropolitan and rural sectors of Victoria. The involvement of the IAP will provide a valuable way for both government and industry to demonstrate to other road users and the public that the vehicles are complying with the access conditions to which they have been granted."

Mr Koniditsiotis welcomed Victoria's innovation in managing the freight strategies for Victorian Roads; "Victorians benefit from a visionary Victorian Government and industry bodies such as the Victorian Transport Association, who are collaborative and forward thinking in finding solutions to both current and future freight demands," he said. "We are pleased to be a part of strategic thinking that considers the needs of all stakeholders and through its actions bring benefit to the Government, industry and all road users."

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