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## **TCA FINDS BALANCE IN MASS**

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA), the company implementing the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), has recently released its much anticipated feasibility report into on-board mass monitoring for heavy vehicles. The study was the first of its kind in the world.

The feasibility study is a Commonwealth funded Transport initiative to assess whether on board vehicle weighing systems can be engaged to support the government road reform process, in addition to private sector uses.

The study was commissioned to ascertain whether current on-board mass systems are able to produce evidentiary level data that is, accurate, robust and tamper evident.

TCA engaged with all eight Australian vendors/agents and tested twelve systems as part of the study. These vendors/agents were as follows:

- Accuweigh
- Bulknet
- E-Max
- Elphinstone
- Loadman
- Loadsmart
- Pacific Scales
- Tramanco

Feasibility study findings established that it was possible to achieve on-board mass measurement within 2% accuracy. In addition the systems demonstrated a robustness and usability that could cater to different Australian needs and physical environments. "The findings from the study have been very encouraging", says TCA's General Manager of Development, Dr Charles Karl. "Ultimately the feasibility study highlights that it is possible to write evidentiary level standards and produce tamper evident hardware".

The report outcomes have been well received by Government, who has since requested TCA to develop specifications over the coming months, with full specifications anticipated by early 2010.

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TCA's Chief Executive Officer, Chris Koniditsiotis says, "This has been an impressively successful assessment because it has demonstrated that the demands of both Government and private sectors can be achieved with what is available in today's market place. This has proven a great achievement in terms of collaborating and consulting with industry to find a solution which benefits all sectors."

The full feasibility test report is available at [www.tca.gov.au](http://www.tca.gov.au)

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