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SWEDISH DELEGATION IN AUSTRALIA TO LEARN ABOUT THE INTELLIGENT ACCESS PROGRAM (IAP)

A delegation from Sweden are in Australia this week to gain an improved understanding of how the IAP can be adopted operationally in Sweden.

The IAP introduces a 21st century technical and regulatory response for governments to safely and sustainably manage the road network.

The Swedish delegation visiting Australia includes senior representatives from the Swedish Transport Administration, the Swedish Transport Agency, Lund University, Closer – the leading organisation for establishing 'Energy Efficient Green Corridors' – and heavy vehicle manufacturers Scania and Volvo.

This collaborative approach across academia, industry and government in Sweden aims to:

- Create new knowledge through new solutions
- Carry out pilots of new technology
- Deliver positive economic, social and environmental outcomes by developing innovations.

The delegation is looking at ways in which the IAP can be adopted operationally in Sweden to advance the regulation of road freight vehicles, and to respond to the growing need for longer and heavier vehicles to meet the growing freight task by ensuring trucks operate on designated roads.

'Technologies like the IAP offer smarter, cost effective and innovative solutions for using existing road infrastructure, particularly when it comes to meeting challenges within environment, transportation and infrastructure', said Anders Berndtsson from the Swedish Transport Administration.

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA), the national body established by Australian Governments to administer the IAP and the broader TCA National Telematics Framework, is managing a program of activities for the delegation during their stay in Australia. This will include meetings with IAP Service Providers, road agencies and stakeholders across the transport and logistics sectors.

TCA CEO, Mr Chris Koniditsiotis said, 'We welcome the interest from Sweden in what is a unique Australian innovation – the IAP.'

'There are enormous opportunities to establish an international exchange of knowledge and expertise, and for Australia to gain an appreciation of the strong collaborative approach between academia, industry and government stakeholders that works so effectively in Sweden', Mr Koniditsiotis said.

'There is no single response to resolve the complex capacity, climate, safety, and efficiency challenges facing transportation in Australia and much of the rest of the developed world. However, both the public and private sectors are now becoming increasingly aware of the potential benefits that can be achieved through information, communications and sensor solutions such as the IAP.' Mr Koniditsiotis said.

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