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TCA PROMOTES TRANSPORT OPERATORS PARTNERING WITH ROAD OWNERS TO ADVANCE PRODUCTIVITY

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA) led a session on the role of technology in trucking at the Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association (LBCA) 2012 Annual Conference in Dubbo on Saturday 25 February 2012.

Mr Chris Koniditsiotis, the Chief Executive Officer of TCA, described the session as an opportunity to engage in a genuine dialogue on how technology and telematics can assist the transport supply chain.

'Technological developments, in any facet of life, should be seen as an opportunity rather than a threat', Mr Koniditsiotis said.

During his presentation, Mr Koniditsiotis cited international statistics which indicate the use of telematics can increase operational efficiency by at least 10% through improved maintenance schedules, job scheduling and fewer vehicle movements.

Mr Koniditsiotis also emphasised that 'telematics also provides a new way for the transport industry and governments to do business.'

'Transport operators are being given genuine opportunities to improve their bottom line through technology-backed government reforms', Mr Koniditsiotis said.

To this end, Mr Koniditsiotis welcomed the attendance of the NSW Minister for Roads and Ports, the Hon Duncan Gay MLC, at the Conference. Significantly, the Minister publicly declared that 4 in 5 requests to Local Governments for higher productivity access under the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) are now being approved.

Mr Koniditsiotis encouraged the transport and logistics sectors to have a fresh look at the availability of higher productivity access arrangements on the local road network.

Mr Koniditsiotis said, 'while the statistics announced by the NSW Minister for Roads and Ports are most positive, I'm conscious that there remain physical infrastructure constraints that can limit end-to-end access for higher productivity vehicles.'

'Furthermore, public dollars just aren't available to fix all problems across the network', Mr Koniditsiotis said.

Despite this, Mr Koniditsiotis said, 'the effective use of technology provides a negotiating platform for transport operators. There are opportunities to 'squeeze' more access from vulnerable infrastructure, so long as road managers and transport operators work in partnership to manage risk.'

Mr Koniditsiotis concluded by saying, ‘I’m throwing a challenge to the road transport and logistics sectors to adopt a mindset of genuine partnership when seeking higher productivity access, and to use technology as a way to start such a dialogue.’

Further details about the TCA can be found at www.tca.gov.au

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