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## **PENRITH CITY COUNCIL DELIVERS ON ACCESS**

Providing access for higher productivity vehicles travelling to the Erskine Park Employment Area is helping to attract some of the nation's leading manufacturing, retailing and logistics companies to the Penrith area in Western Sydney.

Penrith City Council has recently advised TCA that a total of 12 routes have been approved for Higher Mass Limits (HML) access under the Intelligent Access Program™ (IAP®). Significantly, Penrith City Council has stressed that it could not have opened up access to HML vehicles without the route compliance assurance provided by IAP.

According to Hans Meijer, City Works Manager at Penrith City Council, 'The IAP provides the Council with a level of compliance assurance that means we are confident that transport operators enrolled in the IAP will comply with conditions to access approved routes.'

'As a result, Penrith City Council has approved requests for HML access on a total of 12 routes,' said Mr Meijer.

'Payload increases in the order of 10% to 13% are possible with HML vehicles. This means that significant reductions in fuel consumption, environmental emissions and number of truck trips are possible. These benefits can only be realised because the IAP provides Council with a sufficient level of compliance assurance consistent with its responsibilities as a road asset manager,' Mr Meijer said.

Mr Chris Koniditsiotis, Chief Executive Officer of TCA said that, 'IAP provides the assurance to manage infrastructure risks and urban amenity issues by using Global Navigational Satellite System (GNSS) technology to ensure that the right truck is on the right road and at the same time provides enhanced access and hence improved productivity to the transport industry.'

Mr Koniditsiotis explained that, 'Penrith City Council provides an example of how innovative and progressive local governments can take advantage of national reforms to promote industry and employment in their area.'

'This demonstrates how positive outcomes can be achieved by local governments, state road agencies and industry working together towards a common goal.'

'The Council's understanding of the competitive advantages that IAP and HML can unlock, is generating real and tangible benefits to the local community as well as the broader supply chain.'

'The success of the Council's approach speaks for itself with many major companies operating out of the Erskine Park Employment Area,' Mr Koniditsiotis said.

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