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TCA TO PROVIDE ASSURANCE ACROSS GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

TCA today released its new Strategic Plan, which responds to the growing use of telematics and related intelligent technologies – including Co-operative ITS (C-ITS) applications – by governments as enablers for reform.

As a national government body, the Plan recognises TCA as a ‘cross-cutting’ organisation, with functions that transcend policy streams, surface transport modes and government portfolios.

The Chairperson of TCA, Stephen Golding, said “TCA’s role is to provide assurance to governments in the use of telematics and related intelligent technologies, including C-ITS applications, to deliver improved surface transport productivity, safety and efficiency outcomes.”

The Plan has been shaped to reflect how TCA has become widely recognised as the prominent leader in the provision of services to governments including:

- **Advice** founded on a demonstrated capability to design and deploy operational systems and services as enablers for reform
- **Accreditation** in the type-approval and certification of systems and services that give confidence to all stakeholders
- **Administration** of programs for, and on behalf of Members and other relevant stakeholders.

“The *National Telematics Framework*, which is managed by TCA, provides a nationally-agreed, sustainable environment to support the current and emerging needs of government, industry sectors and end-users, and complements the principles contained in *Policy Framework for Intelligent Transport Systems in Australia*,” said Mr Golding.

“TCA’s new Strategic Plan formally makes the Framework available across all government stakeholders where public purpose outcomes are sought.”

The Chief Executive Officer of TCA, Chris Koniditsiotis, added that “TCA provides a whole-of-government perspective to avoid the possibility of technology-based initiatives which may unintentionally:

- Delay progress
- Create duplication
- Multiply costs
- Contribute to a fragmented approach to telematics and related intelligent technologies
- Impact on privacy principles and legislated safeguards.”

“Significantly, the *National Telematics Framework* has been recognised internationally as a best practice approach to the deployment of telematics and related intelligent technologies, with the Framework adopted as a global standard through the International Standards Organisation (ISO).”

“TCA’s ability to manage the critical intersection of policy, technology, commercialisation and operational elements to advance the increasing number of technology-based initiatives across surface transport modes is increasingly being called upon, and we look forward to working across a growing range of stakeholder groups during the course of our new Strategic Plan,” Mr Koniditsiotis said.

TCA's new Strategic Plan can be viewed here: www.tca.gov.au/tca/strategic-plan.

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