Terms of Reference

Telematics Industry Group

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1 INTRODUCTION TO TCA

Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA) was established by Australian Governments in recognition of the growing transport challenges facing Australia and the role that telematics and intelligent technologies can play in driving the reform agenda.

TCA is a public company limited by guarantee established under the Corporations Act (Cth). TCA’s Constitution provides for nine Members, which comprise the Australian Government and State and Territory road and transport agencies.

TCA is governed by a Board of Directors which consists of senior representatives from, and appointed by the head of, each road and transport agency.

2 TCA PROVIDES ASSURANCE

TCA provides assurance in the use of information, communications and sensor solutions through identifying, delivering and deploying quality systems. We promote and inform governments and other stakeholders on the use of regulatory and quality assured telematics to deliver public purpose outcomes.
3 TCA SERVICES

TCA provides three areas of service, namely:

- **Advice** founded on a demonstrated capability to design and deploy operational systems as enablers for governmental reform. As such TCA is government’s telematics and intelligent technologies trusted advisor.

- **Accreditation** in the testing, piloting, type-approval and certification of telematics and intelligent technologies and associated services that give confidence to all stakeholders for their considered use.

- **Administration** of regulatory programs such as the Intelligent Access Program (IAP), Intelligent Speed Compliance (ISC) and non-regulatory, but public purpose programs, such as Certified Telematics Services (CTS) and Intelligent Speed Management (ISM).

4 BACKGROUND

TCA administers a National Telematics Framework on behalf of, and recognised by, Australian Governments, which provides a nationally agreed environment to support the current and future telematics needs of governments, end-users and industry.

In administering this Framework, TCA as a policy-taker performs a crucial role of providing advice, based on industry knowledge, contributing to the delivery of positive public outcomes.

In recent years, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and the Australian Transport Council (ATC), now SCOTI, have initiated major reviews and reforms directed towards addressing urban congestion, improving road transport productivity and efficiency, and improving road safety, including:

- Review of Urban Congestion Trends, Impacts and Solutions\(^1\)
- COAG Road Reform Plan
- National Railway Level Crossing Safety Strategy 2010-2020\(^2\)
- National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020\(^3\)

One thing these strategies have in common is this: Each strategy has highlighted the importance of making greater use of technological solutions to address these challenges.

It is critical, however, that this takes place in a coordinated and consistent fashion.

TCA and the National Telematics Framework plays a key role in achieving positive outcomes through the intersection of policy and technology.

\(^1\) Competition and Regulation Working Group, December 2006, Review of Urban Congestion Trends, Impacts and Solutions.


5 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Telematics Industry Group (Group) is to provide a consultative forum between TCA and the broader telematics industry on current and emerging issues of interest.

6 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall include representatives from the broader telematics industry (including manufacturers and suppliers of telematics hardware, software and associated services).

7 OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 Meetings

TCA will operate Group meetings as a forum. Meetings will be held from time to time according to need, and supported by electronic material. It is envisaged that a meeting will be held at least once per year.

7.2 Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interests

Membership of the Group will be subject to signing a Confidentiality Agreement before initial attendance. Members may encounter personal and business information from other members which is not in the public domain. It is each member’s individual responsibility to declare potential conflicts of interest that may impact on their representation.

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