

## Media Release

# TADWA Acquires TL Mobility Division; Strengthens position in disability and ageing

Technology for Ageing and Disability WA (TADWA) has acquired the mobility division of TL Engineering.

The deal will expand TADWA's service to include motor vehicle mobility such as car and bus conversions, wheelchair hoists, scooter lifts and passenger restraints, significantly expanding TADWA's Recreation and Mobility division. TL Engineering will focus on its rapidly growing core business of truck and light vehicle custom body building.

TADWA CEO, Steve Pretzel, says the acquisition marks a significant milestone in TADWA's 35 year history: "Our mission is to help people do what's important to them, and being able to get out and about conveniently and safely is a big part of that. TL Engineering has been delivering quality products and services into the Western Australian market for almost 50 years and their mobility business is the ideal complement to TADWA's custom mobility solutions. We're thrilled to now be able to offer an entirely new range of solutions to help people live more independently."

TADWA is an NDIS registered provider and also provides services under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Home Care Packages.

According to TL Engineering CEO, Dan Oldham, TADWA is the ideal organisation to take over the mobility division: "Our mobility division was established by the original founders of TL Engineering and it has always been an important part of our business. With the growing demands on the light vehicle and truck body market we made the strategic decision to exit the mobility market but we wanted to ensure that our clients would be well serviced into the future. With their expertise in engineered custom solutions and their passion for helping people to be more independent, TADWA is the perfect fit to move this division forward."

The new Vehicle Mobility unit will sit within TADWA's Recreation and Mobility division, alongside the Freedom Wheels program which provides bicycles and trikes for people with disabilities, Mechatronics which designs and manufactures custom electronically-controlled equipment and Home Automation.

The official acquisition date is 24th June 2019.

### **About TADWA**

TADWA is a registered NDIS service provider that specialises in customised assistive technology, home modifications, occupational therapy and mobility solutions to provide greater independence to people with disabilities, older people and carers.

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**About TL Engineering**

Starting up nearly 50 years ago, TL Engineering has its humble beginnings as a small backstreet operation. Today it proudly continues as the dominant Western Australian motor vehicle body builder, operating one of the biggest and most up-to-date vehicle body building manufacturing facilities in Australia.