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## **Victorian Ports Minister headline's VTA Port Outlook seminar**

The Victorian Transport Association is pleased to confirm that Victorian Minister for Roads, Road Safety and Ports, the Hon Luke Donnellan, MP, will address the **Port Outlook 2015** seminar on Tuesday, 14 July.

“Victoria’s ports are experiencing significant structural change that will have massive flow-on effects for state and national supply chains,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson. “There is no one better to speak to these critical matters from a Victorian Government perspective than Luke Donnellan, and we are thrilled that he will be addressing our seminar.”

Mr Anderson said Port Outlook 2015’s timing is quite fortuitous, with the Victorian Government only recently releasing the legislation to enable the Port of Melbourne to be leased.

“Port Outlook seminar delegates can look forward to hearing directly from the minister about the legislation and what its passage will mean for stevedores, freight generators, and consumers more generally,” Mr Anderson said.

“Road and rail access to the Port of Melbourne is also of vital interest to our members and with the Victorian Government building the West Gate Distributor, and actively considering the Western Distributor, we look forward to an update from the minister on these equally important infrastructure projects.”

### **About Port Outlook 2015**

Port Outlook 2015 brings together stakeholders from road, rail, ports, stevedoring, customers and other players for an informative review and assessment of our ports in 2015 and beyond.

Over a dozen featured speakers from government, industry and regulatory groups will share their experience and stories to help freight operators improve their interactions with our ports, with the day concluding with an exclusive boat tour through Melbourne’s port network, including the new Webb Dock facility under construction.

Port Outlook 2015 starts at 8.15am and concludes at 2pm. The optional port tour will immediately follow, concluding at 4.15pm. Costs are \$275 for VTA members and \$330 for non-members (including GST), which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Boat tour seats are limited so participants are encouraged to register early to secure a seat.

Registrations are available online at [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

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