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Metro Tunnel boss Evan Tattersall to address State Conference 2018

Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA) CEO Evan Tattersall is the latest high-profile speaker the Victorian Transport Association (VTA) has confirmed to address its annual state conference next month in Lorne.

Mr Tattersall heads up one of Victoria's largest statutory infrastructure authorities, with MMRA responsible for delivering the Metro Tunnel Project, which will transform Melbourne's commuter rail network with twin nine-kilometre tunnels through the heart of the city to increase network capacity and provide more train services across Melbourne.

"From a freight perspective, commuter rail is arguably as important as bigger and better roads because it will encourage greater public transport patronage, which will ease congestion on our road network," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"The Metro Tunnel Project will transform commuter rail networks and we are thrilled that Evan Tattersall will attend our conference to explain the significant improvements the project will create for freight and logistics operators."

The Metro Tunnel is one of the highest profile infrastructure projects happening anywhere in Australia. With a budget of \$11 billion, it is certainly one of the most significant and far-reaching projects ever undertaken in Victoria, with impacts to traffic movements in and around the Melbourne CBD during construction.

"There is an unprecedented amount of infrastructure being built around Melbourne right now which naturally lends itself to inevitable disruption on existing transport networks," Mr Anderson said. "However, the long-term benefits of new road and rail corridors being built will have far-reaching impacts for operators, who will inevitably benefit from less-congested roads and greater transport efficiencies."

Evan Tattersall joins North East Link Authority (NELA) CEO Duncan Elliott and Western Distributor Authority CEO Peter Sammut, to complete a trifecta of influential Victorian infrastructure leaders to address the conference.

He has over 30 years' experience in construction and transport on projects including the Craigieburn Rail Extension project, Hisense Arena, Western Ring Road and the Fulham Correctional Centre.

The theme of State Conference 2018 is ***Profit or Perish: Achieving Sustained Success in Transport***, with the VTA assembling an impressive line-up of speakers to discuss the key profitability drivers of safety, technology, customers, infrastructure and equipment. Additional speakers and the full program will be confirmed over the coming weeks.

Early bird registration is available until March 2 at www.vta.com.au

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