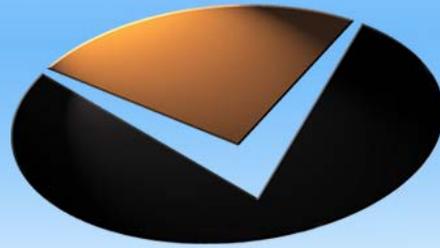




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ACCC stevedore report reinforces need for landside port improvements

The ACCC container stevedore monitoring report issued this week underscored how stevedores are unrestrained when it comes to increasing infrastructure charges at ports around Australia. The [report](#) also concurred the VTA's long-held view that stevedore charging oversight is a matter for individual states and territories, with the ACCC powerless to act in this area. The VTA has been working closely with the Victorian Government, Port of Melbourne and Freight Victoria to achieve genuine landside improvements at the Port of Melbourne. We [welcome](#) the Victorian Government's announcement that it would bring forward a review into regulating pricing and charges, as a response to the most recent round of infrastructure charge hikes.

VTA supports level crossing removals

The VTA has welcomed a commitment from Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews to remove an additional 25 level crossings across Melbourne, as a continuation of the Level Crossing Removal program. The continuation of the program, as announced by the Premier, will see 25 level crossings removed by 2025 on the Belgrave, Lilydale, Frankston, Upfield and Mernda lines. To review the VTA media release on this matter follow this [link](#).

NHVR issues new PBS assistance collaterals

The NHVR has released a new PBS guide and chart to help road managers better understand the benefits of PBS vehicles on the road network. The guide, [PBS: A guide for road managers](#), and chart, [PBS Vehicle Configurations](#), provide information regarding the principles, benefits and approval processes of PBS and examples of 32 common combinations approved under the scheme respectively. With PBS-approved heavy vehicles a significant part of Australia's heavy vehicle fleet, comprising almost one in five new Australian vehicles built this year, it is critical that operators have detailed information about the PBS approval process and common safety features. We commend the NHVR for their work in this space.

VTA slams Victorian Greens truck ban plan

VTA CEO Peter Anderson has [publicly slammed](#) an ill-informed plan by the Victorian Greens to ban B-double trucks on 27 arterial roads around Melbourne. The plan would introduce further restrictions on truck movements in seats where Green candidates are contesting the Victorian election. There are already significant limitations on our road network which means there are limited alternatives for trucks to use. Thankfully this is starting to be addressed with construction of the West Gate Tunnel and North East Link, along with commitments from both major parties for overdue road and rail infrastructure around Melbourne and Victoria. Banning a truck is tantamount to banning someone from doing their job and we urge voters to think carefully about voting for a party that offers such simplistic and ill-considered 'solutions' to our transport challenges.

TCA announces Intelligent Mass stakeholder consultation

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) has released a document on the new Intelligent Mass application, for consultation with stakeholders. Intelligent Mass is being implemented as a new application of the [National Telematics Framework](#) that enables vehicle mass and configuration to be linked with other telematics data (such as location, time and speed). The draft Specification can be requested [here](#) and the consultation closes on Friday 7 December.

Annual Christmas Lunch registrations filling fast

The VTA has received a very warm response to the Annual Christmas Lunch, with registrations steadily building for the event on Friday, 7 December in the Members Dining Room of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Registration includes a sumptuous three-course lunch and beverages, along with entertainment from comedian Des Dowling, singer/songwriter Sarah Valentine, and heaps of games, prizes and giveaways. Further information is in the event [flyer](#) and registration is available [online](#).

Last chance to register for VTA Golf Day at Commonwealth

With just over a week until the VTA Golf Day at Commonwealth Golf Club on Monday, 12 November, now is your last chance to register, with limited places still available. To register visit the VTA [website](#) or complete a registration [form](#), which also contains pricing and event information.

Save the Date for 2019 VTA State Conference

The VTA is finalising the events calendar for 2019, however we encourage you to note the annual State Conference will be held from **Sunday, 24 March to Tuesday, 26 March** at Silverwater Resort at Phillip Island (San Remo). Further event information will be announced over the coming weeks.

Training programs

- [Chain of Responsibility – Awareness](#) – 14 November 2018
- [Master Class – Business Planning you can Implement](#) – 14 November 2018
- [Chain of Responsibility – Safe loads](#) – 21 November 2018
- [Incident Management Workshop](#) – 22 November 2018
- [Chain of Responsibility – Safety Management System](#) (New) – 28 November 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 13, 20 and 27 November 2018

Upcoming events

- [TWUSUPER Golf Day](#), November 12
- [VWMA Christmas Lunch](#), November 30
- [VTA Christmas Lunch](#), December 7
- State Conference 2019; March 24-26