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## VTA State Conference 2019 tackles transport reform

The Victorian Transport Association is now accepting registrations for its annual State Conference, being held this year at [Silverwater Resort](#), Phillip Island from March 24-26. The State Conference typically brings together up to 200 VTA members, supporters, sponsors and other stakeholders from the Victorian and national freight and logistics industry for important discussions on issues impacting freight operators.

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said that the industry was facing unprecedented change in 2019, which inspired the theme of the conference this year of ***Keeping Up With Transport Reform***.

“Ours is an industry that is constantly changing and responding to change, however this year significant reform is occurring with state and federal legislators, regulators and authorities conducting many reviews and enquiries that will lead to changes,” Mr Anderson said.

“Keeping Up with Transport Reform is an especially appropriate theme for our conference this year. It provides a context for presentations and discussions about reforms to heavy vehicle licensing, road user charges, minimum standards, training and education, heavy vehicle national law and other areas will affect how operators interact with their customers, suppliers, employees and others in the supply chain.

“It is more important than ever that transport operators understand these changes and what it means for their business, and we invite operators and any business that is exposed to supply chain management to join us at the conference and contribute to important decisions that will impact our industry.”

Mr Anderson said delegates could expect to hear from high-profile speakers from government, regulators, road and rail authorities and suppliers to the industry, with keynote presentations and panellists addressing the following important subjects:

- **Setting the Scene – The Big Picture in Transport**
- **Infrastructure – Effect of the Major Projects**
- **The Law & Punishment – Reducing Risk**
- **The Major Reforms – HVNL, Licensing & Road User Charges**
- **Industrial Relations – Striking a Fair Balance**
- **Vehicle Standards & Equipment – What’s New?**
- **Safety & Technology – Planning for Change**

“VTA state conferences are renowned for being content rich, and this year’s event continues this tradition with a program covering the full spectrum of issues impacting freight operators and others in the supply chain,” he said.

Discounted Early Bird registration is available until Friday, 8 March. To [register](#), and for pricing and other information about the conference, please visit the VTA [website](#).

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