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## **Michael McCormack to address State Conference 2019**

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) is pleased to announce that Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Transport, Infrastructure & Regional Development Michael McCormack has accepted an invitation to address State Conference 2019.

The Minister will formally open conference proceedings on Monday, 25 March with an address that will no doubt touch on the transport and infrastructure plans of the Morrison Government, together with some of the major reforms that are facing the industry.

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said the State Conference had enjoyed the support of successive Commonwealth transport ministers and assistant ministers for the past three years, and that Michael McCormack's attendance showed the government is committed to understanding the needs of industry.

"With the industry being exposed to significant change and reform this year, it is welcome news that Minister McCormack will join us at [Silverwater Resort](#) to explain the transport and infrastructure priorities of the Morrison Government," Mr Anderson said.

"Minister McCormack has been very active and accessible since being appointed to the transport and infrastructure portfolio just under 12 months ago. We look forward to welcoming him to our conference and providing a forum for important and robust conversations about the future of our industry, and the support operators need from government to be successful," Mr Anderson said.

The VTA continues to accept registrations from delegates for State Conference, being held this year from March 24-26 at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island. The event 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.

Delegates will hear from a wide range of speakers from the Commonwealth and Victorian governments and oppositions, along with key regulators, road and rail authorities and suppliers to the industry.

***Keeping Up With Transport Reform*** has been designated as the theme for this year's conference, in recognition of the numerous reviews being conducted across driver licensing and training, road user charges and heavy vehicle national law.

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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