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## **NHVR & NTC to talk transport reform at State Conference 2019**

With just six weeks until the Victorian Transport Association's [State Conference 2019](#) at [Silverwater Resort](#), Phillip Island, the annual event is shaping up as a 'who's who' of the transport industry with prominent keynote speakers and panellists from around Australia confirming their attendance.

The VTA is pleased to announce that **National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) CEO Sal Petrocitto** and **National Transport Commission (NTC) Chief Planning Officer Paul Davies** will attend and address the conference about reforms to heavy vehicle national law and other important changes afoot for the industry.

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said that with the conference theme of **Keep Up With Transport Reform**, it was especially appropriate that delegates hear from the two major regulatory bodies that are leading the industry reviews that will inevitably lead to change operators must respond to.

"Our industry is on the cusp of significant change with legislative, regulatory and other authorities undertaking reviews and implementing reforms in 2019 that will impact every operator," Mr Anderson said.

"The NTC and NHVR are leading many of these reviews so we're thrilled that they are sending their most senior people to update delegates on the changes that are on the horizon so that they can plan accordingly within their respective businesses."

The NHVR's Sal Petrocitto will address a session entitled **The Law & Punishment – Reducing the Risk**, where he is expected update delegates on the work of Australia's independent regulator for all heavy vehicles from an enforcement perspective. Also addressing this session is **Victoria Police Superintendent John Fitzpatrick**, who leads Road Policing Operations and Investigations Division, including the Heavy Vehicle Investigation Unit.

The NTC's Paul Davies will discuss the heavy vehicle national law review in a session entitled **The Major Reforms – HVNL, Licensing & Road User Charges**.

Other sessions include **Infrastructure – Effect of the Projects, Industrial Relations – Striking a Fair Balance, Vehicle Standards & Equipment – What's the New Norm, and Safety & Technology – Planning for Change**, with the VTA assembling a program of 35 industry experts to address these topical subjects.

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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