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Owner-driver turned Senator confirmed for VTA State Conference

The Victorian Transport Association has secured one of the Australian Labor Party's foremost experts on road transport and safety to attend and address [State Conference 2019](#).

Western Australia Senator Glenn Sterle is the shadow assistant minister for road safety and is a well-respected authority on the freight and logistics industry, having worked as a furniture removalist and owner-driver prior to being elected to the Senate in 2004.

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said that Senator Sterle has been an active and vocal advocate for road safety and that delegates to the conference would benefit from the perspectives he has formed over many decades working in the industry.

"Glenn has been a passionate advocate for road safety over his three terms in the Australian Senate where he has been active on numerous rural and regional affairs and transport committees. Coming from a transport family and having worked as an owner-driver for 12 years, he has formed a number of views on road safety which I'm sure conference delegates will benefit from hearing," Mr Anderson said.

"We look forward to welcoming Glenn to State Conference 2019 and hearing more about the road safety policy and legislative positions of the alternative government, particularly in an election year where transport and infrastructure matters are likely to be very prominent."

State Conference 2019 is being held for the first time at [Silverwater Resort](#), Phillip Island where up to 200 delegates are expected to gather for two days of informative keynote addresses and panel sessions from prominent industry stakeholders from government, regulators and suppliers.

Plenary sessions include Infrastructure, The Law & Punishment, Reforms to HVNL, Licensing & Road User Charges, Industrial Relations and Safety, with the VTA assembling a program of 35 industry experts to address these topical subjects.

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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