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## **Melissa Horne to open VTA State Conference**

The Victorian Transport Association is delighted to announce Victorian minister for roads and road safety, and ports and freight, the Hon. Melissa Horne, will formally open State Conference 2024, being held from Sunday 17 – Tuesday 19 March at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island.

“Minister Horne headlines a rapidly growing list of speakers from industry, government, regulators, and other transport industry stakeholders the VTA is arranging to address delegates over the two days of the conference, under our theme this year of [Future Freight Landscapes](#),” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“With so many critical issues on the radar that fall under Minister Horne’s portfolio responsibilities, including road and rail freight infrastructure, productivity at our ports and waterfronts, and training and skilling logistics workers of the future, it will be timely to hear from the Minister about the Victorian Government’s priorities for the year ahead.

“Minister Horne has been diligent, consultative, and highly professional in carrying out her portfolio commitments and we appreciate her taking time to join us this year,” Anderson said.

VTA state conferences have a proud history of being content-rich and this year’s program will carry on that tradition, with a focus on emerging issues like cyber-security, artificial intelligence, the gig economy and related legislation, and other topics.

“We look forward to sharing our provisional program over the coming weeks, which will outline a strong line-up of presenters and social and networking opportunities. A trade exhibition will feature product and service innovations from a range of industry suppliers, and we anticipate showcasing presentations and associated equipment from many domestic and international manufacturers.”

A range of packages and price-points are available, and these can be viewed at [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

State Conference 2024 is proudly sponsored by industry super fund TWUSUPER, who are very generous and long-standing supporters of this and other VTA events. If you have any questions or queries about registration, please contact VTA Membership Services Coordinator Armielyn Porsovigan on 03 9646 8590 or [armielyn@vta.com.au](mailto:armielyn@vta.com.au)

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