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## **Provisional program released for State Conference 2024**

Cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, minimum standards legislation, ESG (environment, sustainability, governance), and more feature prominently on the action-packed provisional program for State Conference 2024, released today by the Victorian Transport Association.

“Since announcing the conference in January our team has made tremendous progress planning for the annual event and confirming speakers and panellists to address delegates over two days at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island from 17-19 March,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“I’m pleased to share our [provisional program](#), which features all the transport industry stakeholders joining us for important discussions on the big issues confronting freight operators and suppliers. We’ve selected ***Future Freight Landscapes*** as our Conference theme, which has been inspired by a tumultuous year for the transport sector, and industry more broadly.

“Emerging issues like cybersecurity, the rise of AI, and increasing ESG compliance obligations are both a threat and an opportunity for operators, and the Conference tackles these and other issues head.”

Anderson said ongoing challenges such as driver training and skills shortages, licencing reform, heavy vehicle national law, and infrastructure renewal are just as relevant as they were 12 months ago, with featured speakers joining the line-up for important industry updates.

“Among the over 30 presenters we have lined up to address delegates are Commonwealth and Victorian roads, transport and freight ministers, and their opposition shadows, and senior representatives from state and national road, safety and freight authorities, infrastructure bodies, and supplier representatives,” Anderson said.

Key speakers include:

- WA Labor Senator and Senate Rural Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Chair, the Hon Glenn Sterle
- Victorian Roads & Road Safety and Ports & Freight Minister, the Hon Melissa Horne
- Australian Signals Directorate First Assistant Director-General, Dr Derek Bopping
- NHVR CEO, Sal Petrocetto OAM
- Transport Accident Commission CEO, Tracey Slater
- Industry Skills Australia CEO, Paul Walsh

To review the provisional program in full please follow [this link](#). For further information about the Conference and to register, please visit [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

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