



VTA State Conference 2024 – 17-19 March
Future Freight Landscapes
Provisional Program (as at 21 February)

Sunday, 17 March

Welcome Drinks & Dinner (6-9pm)

- Senator the Hon Glenn Sterle, Senator for Western Australia

Monday, 18 March

Scene Setters (8.30-10.45am)

- Peter Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Transport Association
- Hon Carol Browne, Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure & Transport
- Hon Melissa Horne, Victorian Minister for Roads & Road Safety, and Ports & Freight
- Duncan Smith, Head of Consulting, JANA
- Brad Rowswell, Shadow Treasurer of Victoria
- Dr Derek Bopping, First Assistant Director General, Australian Signals Directorate
- Sal Petrocetto OAM, CEO, NHVR

Morning Tea Break (10.45-11.15am)

Industrial Relations (11.15am-12.30pm)

- Minimum Standards Panel Session
 - Warren Clark, CEO, NatRoads
 - Jack Boutros, Strategic Campaigner, Transport Workers' Union
 - Peter Anderson, National Secretary, ARTIO
- Travis Johnson, Associate, Rigby Cooke Lawyers

Lunch Break (12.30-1.30pm)

Skills & Training (1.30-3pm)

- Paul Walsh, CEO, Industry Skills Australia
- Freight Industry Training Panel Session
 - Jess Murdoch, Project Manager - Freight Industry Training, Freight Victoria
 - Tim Garnett, Manager Freight Industry Training, Victorian Transport Association
- Craig Nicholson, CEO, Armstrongs Driver Training
- Damien Lacey, Founder & Director, OE Partners

Afternoon Tea (3-3.30pm)



Technology (3.30-5pm)

- Gavin Hill, General Manager Strategy & Delivery, Transport Certification Australia
- Rachel Michaud, National Sales Business Manager, Knorr Bremse
- Ben Ditfort, Chief Operating Officer, MTData
- Shane Commons, Director - Product & Performance, Volvo Group Australia
- Anthony Headlam, Co-Founder & CEO, NewVolt

Pre-dinner Drinks (6-7pm)

Official Conference Dinner (7-10pm)

Tuesday, 19 March

Safety & ESG (Environment, Sustainability & Governance) (8.30-10am)

- Dr Richa Vijayraj, Founder, Impact HQ
- Michael Hopkins, CEO, National Transport Commission
- Liam Francis, Data & Research Insights Lead, Utility Creative
- Samantha Cockfield, Head of Road Safety, Transport Accident Commission
- TBA, Road Safety Victoria

Morning Tea (10-10.30am)

Productivity (11am-12.30pm)

- Infrastructure Productivity Session
 - Paul Smith, Deputy Director Traffic & Planning, West Gate Tunnel Project
 - Matthew Hill, Package Director – North East Link, North East Link Project
- Romesh Rodrigo, Head of Vehicle Homologation, Daimler (TBC)
- Emma Butler, Assistant Commissioner Small Business - Engagement & Assurance - Case Leadership, Australian Taxation Office
- Equipment Panel Session
 - Billy Addison, National Manager, Haulmax Tyres
 - John Edgley, Managing Director, Hyzon Motors
- Mike Lean, President, Victorian Transport Association

Lunch & Conference Concludes (12.30pm)

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