



VTA State Conference 2024 – 17-19 March  
*Future Freight Landscapes*  
Provisional Program (as at 8 March)

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**Sunday, 17 March**

*Welcome Drinks & Dinner (6-9pm)*

- Peter Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Transport Association
- Senator the Hon Glenn Sterle, Senator for Western Australia

**Monday, 18 March**

*Scene Setters (8.30-10.30am)*

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- 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 Petrocchio OAM, CEO, NHVR

*Morning Tea Break*

*Minimum Standards & Industrial Relations (11am-12noon)*

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

*Lunch Break (12noon-1pm)*

*Skills & Training (1pm-3pm)*

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- Paul Walsh, CEO, Industry Skills Australia
- Greg Cain, Industry Services Manager, Victorian Transport Association
- 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 (3.30-5.10pm)***

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- John Gordon, Manager Strategic Development, 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)***

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- Dr Richa Vijayraj, Founder, Impact HQ
- Michael Hopkins, CEO, National Transport Commission
- Liam Francis & David Stanley, Utility Creative
- Samantha Cockfield, Head of Road Safety, Transport Accident Commission
- Katriona C Dall'Oste, Road Safety Program Delivery, Road Safety Victoria

***Morning Tea (10.20-10.50am)***

***Productivity (10.50am-1pm)***

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- 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
- 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
- Peter Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Transport Association

***Lunch & Conference Concludes (1pm)***

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