



INLAND RAIL CONFERENCE

18-19 July 2018 Parkes, NSW

Overview

2018 is a year of delivery for Inland Rail with construction due to commence on the Parkes to Narromine section of the track, making this inaugural industry-led conference a must-attend event.

The two-day Conference will bring together key players involved in the Inland Rail project to discuss how this nationally significant infrastructure project will transform the movement of freight in Australia, what it means for the Australian freight industry and the benefits it will deliver for national freight customers.

The Conference will also consider how the Inland Rail Project can inform the development of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy, to be finalised in late 2018.

Preliminary Program

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Tuesday 17 July 2018, IKON @ Hotel Gracelands, 7-9 Bushman Street, Parkes		
Time	Session	
17.30 – 19.00	Welcome Reception	

Wednesday 18 July 2018 – Parkes Leagues Club, 192 Clarinda Street, Parkes		
Time	Session	Speaker(s)
08.00-8.30	Registration	
Chair – Danny Broad/Michael Kilgariff		
8.30-8.45	Welcome	Danny Broad, Chief Executive Officer, Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Michael Kilgariff, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)
8.45-9.15	Opening Address	The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
9.15-9.45	Keynote	John Fullerton, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Australian Rail Track Corporation
9.45-10.15	Morning Tea	
10.15-10.45	Keynote	Introduction - Jane Lavender-Baker, Group Executive Corporate Affairs and People, Australian Rail Track Corporation The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
10.45-11.15	Keynote	Introduction – Lachlan Benson, Interim CEO, Australian Logistics Council The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development
11.15-12.15	Panel – Customers	Chair – Hermione Parsons, Director, Centre for Supply Chain and Logistics, Deakin University Paul Graham Chief Supply Chain Officer, Woolworths Derek Schoen, President, NSW Farmers James Dixon, General Manager Transport, Road and Air Networks, Group Chief Operating Office, Australia Post
12.15-13.15	Lunch	

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Chair – (tbc)		
13.15-14.15	Panel – Operations	Chair – tbc Dean Dalla Valle, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific National Geoff Smith, Managing Director, SCT Logistics Anthony Jones, Group Chief Executive Officer, LINX Cargo Care Group
14.15-15.00	Panel – Suppliers, Manufacturers and Maintainers	Chair – Bob Herbert AM, Chairman, Australasian Railway Association Roy Spurway, General Manager, Strategy, Sales and Marketing, Thales Patrick O'Donnell, Senior Vice President, Progress Rail Claire Parry, Jobs and Skills Manager, Regional Rail Fleet Project, Transport for NSW Theuns Victor, Chief Operating Officer, Liberty Primary Steel
15.00-15.30	Afternoon Tea	
Chair – (tbc)		
15.30-16.15	Panel – Contractors	Chair – Bob Herbert AM, Chairman, Australasian Railway Association Gary Seabury, General Manager Rail, John Holland Julian Sharp, Project Director, CPB Contractors David Robotham, General Manager, Rail, Laing O'Rourke Marc Allen, Commercial Manager Inland Rail, Australian Rail Track Corporation
16.15 – 17.15	Panel – Regional	Chair – (tbc) Cr Paul Antonio, Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council Cr Ken Keith OAM, Mayor, Parkes Shire Council Steve Gleeson, Leader, Corporate and Regional Partnerships, Regional Australia Institute
17.15-17.30	End of Day 1 Summary	Danny Broad, Chief Executive Officer, Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Michael Kilgariff, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)
18.00	Pre-dinner drinks in exhibition area	
19.00	Dinner – Parkes Leagues Club	MC – Parkes Shire Council speaker tbc Speaker – The Hon John Barilaro MP, Acting Premier of NSW, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business

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Chair - (tbc)		
9.00-10.00	Panel – Ports	Chair – Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW Caryn Anderson, Executive General Manager Strategy and Business Development, Port of Melbourne Peter Keyte, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Brisbane Ian Doherty, Executive Manager Customer and Strategy, Port of Newcastle
10.00-10.30	Keynote	Richard Wankmuller, Chief Executive Officer, Inland Rail Project, Australian Rail Track Corporation
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea	
11.00-12.30	Panel – National Freight Efficiency	Chair – Hermione Parsons, Director, Centre for Supply Chain and Logistics, Deakin University Philip Smith, Executive Director, Inland Rail, Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW Ken Matthews AO, Vice Chair, Australasian Centre for Rail Innovation Michelle Zeibots, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney Michael Hopkins, Deputy Head, Policy and Reform, Transport for Victoria
12.30-12.45	Closing	Danny Broad, Chief Executive Officer, Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Michael Kilgariff, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)
13.00 – 16.00	Site visit and lunch	