



Local Government Forum

Delivering the Victorian Transport Plan – The Partnership Imperative

Friday 12th November 2010

Venue: Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Invitees: All council CEOs, IPWEA, LGPro, VLGA

Cost: Complimentary

Registration: rachael@roads.org.au

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9.30am

Arrival/Registration

10.00am

A Necessary Partnership in Delivering Victoria's Transport Plan

Mr Jim Betts, Secretary – Department of Transport

- Status of the planning and delivery of Victoria's Transport Plan
- Likely obstacles to effective project delivery
- The potential for rolling programs
- Local Government's role from the Department's perspective
- Minimising the delays in land-use planning
- Some experiences to date
- Opportunities for enhancing the partnership arrangements

10.35am

The Local Government Perspective

Mr John Bennie, CEO – City of Greater Dandenong (*Past President of LGPro*)

- The importance of a Local Government/VicRoads partnership in project planning and delivery
- What does Local Government expect of VicRoads?
- The ingredients of an effective partnership to minimize planning delays and optimize project delivery
- The importance of shared responsibilities for stakeholder management
- Sharing the financial burden for project development and delivery
- The imperative for rolling programs
- How VicRoads can assist Local Government
- What Local Government can do to support VicRoads

11.10am

Stakeholder Relationships – Who's Responsibility is it?

Mr Dennis Cliche, CEO - ConnectEast

- The private sector's perspective generally
- Managing the stakeholders and their expectations – who's responsible?
- The EastLink experience
- The positives from EastLink
- The lessons learned
- Opportunities for VicRoads, Local Government and the private sector

11.45am

Making it Happen at the Coalface : The Importance of Local Considerations

Mr David Eltringham, Director of Engineering – Horsham Rural City Council

(*Victorian President of Engineers Australia*)

- The regional Local Government perspective
- Some case studies
- The lessons learned
- Opportunities for VicRoads and Local Government

12.20pm

Panel Session

12.45pm

Break for Lunch

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Luncheon – Keynote Speaker

Mr Gary Liddle, CEO - VicRoads

- The importance of an effective Local Government interaction with VicRoads
- VicRoads view of Local Government's role in project planning and delivery
- The benefits of a first-class relationship – what it means to Local Government
- Managing the local governance
- Example of good practice
- What VicRoads is doing for its part
- Opportunities for VicRoads and Local Government

1.45pm

Workshop Session

The aim of the workshop is to identify actions to be pursued by Local Government, VicRoads and Roads Australia either individually or collectively, with the view to enhancing the capacity of councils and central agencies to successfully and efficiently deliver Victoria's Transport Plan and roads related programs through effective stakeholder relationships.

It is proposed that a senior VicRoads officer will be seated at **each** table for the workshop discussions.

2.30pm

Workshop Wrap and Summary

3.00pm

Close



A Snapshot

Roads Australia, a not-for-profit association, is the national peak body for road sector stakeholders.

Its members comprise most of the significant players in the Australian road sector, including major civil construction companies, government agencies, industry associations and unions.

Roads Australia has two main objectives – to bring the stakeholders together and to influence policy. It seeks to do the latter, not through lobbying, but by working “inside the tent”.

Roads Australia has policy chapters covering sustainability, congestion, capacity and road financing. Participation in these chapters provides the opportunity to contribute to policy as it evolves and to network actively with other industry participants. Individual policy chapters have up to 120 members.

Annually, Roads Australia holds some 40 events, attended by more than 2,500 industry members. These networking events include conferences, workshops, large lunches and small single table functions with senior policy makers.

Roads Australia's two largest networking activities are the Annual Summit and the Forum of industry leaders held every six months to review the state of play for national roads related issues and activities. These events are attended by some 200 industry representatives from about 80 companies and organizations.

Roads Australia also publishes a fortnightly email newsletter, RA Insider, which provides an easy news summary of what's happening in the roads industry. It has become the accepted industry mechanism for information of this kind and is now received by almost 3,000 senior managers across Australia.