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NHVR and NTC leadership join VTA State Conference 2017 line-up

The chief executive officers of the nation's foremost transport and heavy vehicle regulators have joined the speaker line-up for the Victorian Transport Association's annual State Conference, being held at Lorne from June 4-6.

National Transport Commission CEO Paul Retter and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator CEO Sal Petrocchio will address conference delegates on the opening day of the conference, joining other high profile speakers from industry, government and other sectors for an important discussion around raising productivity within the transport industry.

"Paul and Sal are highly-respected leaders within the freight and logistics industry and their attendance at our annual State Conference demonstrates the importance of Victorian operators to an industry that transcends state boundaries," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"Ours is a truly national industry and despite the parochialism and rivalries that might exist between states and territories, it's important that we have uniform national standards and practices across the regulatory and policy settings that govern our industry and operators.

"We look forward to hearing from Paul and Sal about the respective work their agencies are doing that will help operators to become more productive and successful, whilst working within important regulatory and safety frameworks that are designed to keep transport workers and the broader community safe and productive," Mr Anderson said.

The VTA continues to accept discounted Early Bird registration for the conference, being held at Mantra Lorne on the Great Ocean Road from 4-6 June. Those that register by Friday, 12 May will be entitled to the Early Bird rate of \$1100 plus GST, which includes the full conference package of two nights' accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks each day, including the Welcome Networking Reception and main Conference Dinner on the Monday night.

The theme of State Conference 2017 is ***Make Your Business More Productive – Learn from the Experts.***

"We're assembling a fantastic group of capable and qualified speakers to help our members be even more productive and successful," Mr Anderson said. "The conference is a great opportunity for delegates to network and meet with fellow members and speakers and sponsors, and we look forward to welcoming delegates to Lorne in June."

To register online visit www.vta.com.au or call the VTA on 03 9646 8590

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