


Conference Program

Day 1 - 4th June 2025

 **07:50 - 08:50**
REGISTRATION


 **08:50 - 09:00**

MC OPENS

 **09:00 - 09:30**

SPEED NETWORKING

This speed networking session will allow delegates to introduce themselves and swap business cards with those they are seated with and other conference attendees.

 **09:30 - 10:00**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

Sally Stannard, Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads

 **10:00 - 10:30**

CROSS RIVER RAIL

- Latest updates on Cross River Rail.
- The project, which is jointly funded by state and federal governments, will ease congestion, improve connectivity and boost capacity.

Jeremy Kruger, Program Director, Cross River Rail Authority

🕒 10:30 - 11:00

QUEENSLAND FREIGHT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Updates and priorities for Queensland's Freight.
- Challenges and opportunities.
- Overview of NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Productivity Plan.

Brayden Soo, Manager, Freight and Supply Chains, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

🕒 11:00 - 11:30
TEA BREAK

🕒 11:30 - 12:00

GOLD COAST LIGHT RAIL STAGE 3 PROJECT

- Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 will extend the existing tram network to connect Broadbeach South and Burleigh Heads.
- Key updates.

Gavin Massingham, Program Director Gold Coast Light Rail, Department of Transport and Main Roads

🕒 12:00 - 12:20

BEERBURRUM TO NAMBOUR (B2N) RAIL UPGRADE

- The B2N upgrade will duplicate the North Coast Line between Beerburrum and Landsborough stations.
 - The \$550.8 million project will also deliver station upgrades, new park 'n' ride facilities and new rail passing loops.
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🕒 12:20 - 13:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

Technology-Driven Solutions in Transport Infrastructure Projects

- Hear from a panel of experts about how data and technology can optimise transport infrastructure projects.

James Gleeson, Founder and Director, Marvel Engineers

Tim Wark, Global AI Lead, AECOM

🕒 13:00 - 14:00
LUNCH BREAK

🕒 14:00 - 14:30

OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS ON THE NORTH COAST

- Updates on several major transport infrastructure projects currently underway in the North Coast region.

Scott Whitaker, Regional Director (North Coast / Wide Bay Burnett), Department of Transport and Main Roads

🕒 14:30 - 14:50

MANAGING CONGESTION IN MAJOR URBAN CENTRES

- Strategies for reducing traffic congestion and improving urban mobility in densely populated areas.
 - Analysis of current congestion trends in urban areas such as Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, and Cairns.
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🕒 14:50 - 15:10

WARREGO HIGHWAY UPGRADE PROGRAM

- The Warrego Highway Upgrade will deliver new bypasses, intersection improvements, road widening and flood mitigation.
 - Key updates on the project.
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🕒 15:10 - 15:40
TEA BREAK

🕒 15:40 - 16:00

SCHOOL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- The School Transport Infrastructure Program will focus on improving transport access to schools across Queensland.
 - The project will deliver safety upgrades, improved public transport connections, and upgraded bus and active transport infrastructure.
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🕒 16:00 - 16:20

HYDROGEN-POWERED AIRCRAFT IN QUEENSLAND

- Stralis Aircraft are advancing hydrogen electric flight in Queensland via hydrogen electric propulsion systems.
 - Key updates, opportunities and challenges.
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🕒 16:20 - 16:40

ELECTRIC VEHICLE ROLLOUT IN QUEENSLAND

- Overview of the Electric Vehicle Rollout Plan in QLD.
 - The initiative will assist the transition to net zero emission transport.
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🕒 16:40 - 16:45
MC CLOSES

🕒 16:45 - 17:45
NETWORKING & DRINKS FUNCTION

Day 2 - 5th June 2025

🕒 08:20 - 08:50
REGISTRATION

🕒 08:50 - 09:00

MC OPENS

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BRISBANE METRO

- Brisbane Metro will enhance connectivity between the inner-city and the suburbs by delivering fast and frequent travel via high-capacity electric metro vehicles.
- Key updates.

Councillor Ryan Murphy, Civic Cabinet Chair, Brisbane City Council

🕒 10:00 - 10:20

DECARBONISING THE TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

- How Queensland can move towards a cleaner transport industry to support the QLD Government's decarbonisation targets.

Kate Mackay, Principal, Arup



🕒 10:20 - 10:40

INLAND RAIL

- Overview of the Inland Rail project, which will connect Melbourne to Brisbane via inland routes.
- Key updates.

Michael Farrell, Regional Director – Queensland, Inland Rail

🕒 10:40 - 11:10
TEA BREAK

🕒 11:10 - 11:30

BRUCE HIGHWAY UPGRADE PROGRAM

- The Bruce Highway Upgrade Program will improve safety, capacity and resilience of the highway, reduce travel times and enhance freight movement.
 - The program will deliver \$12.6 billion worth of works over a 15-year period.
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PANEL DISCUSSION

Transport Infrastructure and Climate

- Hear from a panel of experts about integrating environmental considerations into transport planning.
- Innovation in clean construction materials and energy-efficient transport solutions.

Greg Schumann, Director of Transport and Green Mobility ANZ, ENGIE

🕒 12:10 - 12:30

PACIFIC MOTORWAY M1 UPGRADE PROGRAM

- Ongoing upgrades to improve capacity, safety and efficiency of the M1 between Brisbane and Gold Coast.
 - Key updates and priorities.
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ENHANCING QUEENSLAND'S BICYCLE NETWORK

- Expanding and improving cycling infrastructure across the state.
- Current initiatives aimed at improving safety for cyclists and meeting growing demand for cycling infrastructure.

Alton Twine, Chief Executive Officer, Bicycle Queensland

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LUNCH BREAK

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THE ROLE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



- How public-private partnerships (PPPs) can be used to enhance innovation, fast-track project delivery, and mitigate risk in QLD's transport infrastructure projects.

Sam Mendoza, National Infrastructure Lead, WT Partnership

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MAKING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE WEATHER-RESILIENT

- Prioritising weather-resilience in transport infrastructure.
- How transport systems can adapt to withstand extreme weather events.

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TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT QUEENSLAND'S TOURISM

- How transport infrastructure can enhance connectivity, improve transport links, expand public transport networks, and improve access to tourist hotspots to support tourism in Queensland.

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MC CLOSÉS

Agenda is subject to change

*Speakers to be confirmed

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