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Australian Transport  
— Policy Challenges for Future Growth  
Members' Dining Room, Old Parliament House, Canberra

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## WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for *Australian Transport—Policy Challenges for Future Growth*, BTRE's 7th Transport Colloquium.

Australia's non-bulk freight transport task continues to grow more quickly than the economy overall—container port traffic substantially more—while the passenger and personal transport task increases faster than the rate of national population growth. So coping with transport growth and the issues it gives rise to—ensuring the right amount of infrastructure capacity, securing regulatory outcomes that are compatible with efficiency, innovation and service, introducing best practice system management and overcoming congestion—is an important policy challenge for our economic future.

Transport, almost by definition, comes with some adverse impacts for the community and the environment. But tackling climate change has renewed urgency in Australia and throughout the world as both an environmental and potentially an economic issue. How to achieve significantly reduced fossil fuel consumption in the various parts of the transport sector as in other sectors, while safeguarding future economic growth, is a key policy challenge. Also very important is the challenge

to continue to reduce the human and economic cost of road and other transport accidents.

I am delighted to welcome to the colloquium all our invited speakers. I particularly acknowledge the Hon Mark Vaile MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services and Professor Werner Rothengatter, Head of the Institute of Transport and Communication at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany. Professor Rothengatter's keynote address on European investment and regulation policy in the transport sector and the challenges which Europe faces should provide a benchmark for our own policy challenges for future growth. It will also be a thought-provoking point of departure for the discussion sessions to follow.

Welcome and thank you again for taking part in the 2007 BTRE Transport Colloquium. I hope you will find these two days of discussion both rewarding and enjoyable.

Phil Potterton  
Executive Director  
Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics

## DAY ONE—WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

9.00            Opening—Michael Taylor, Secretary, Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services

Session 1:    Keynote Address—European investment and regulation policy in the transport sector

Professor Werner Rothengatter, Head, Institute of Economic Policy Research and Unit of Transport and Communication, University of Karlsruhe, Germany

10.30–11.00 Morning tea

11.00            Session 2:    Harmonisation and productivity in land freight—barriers and solutions

Chair: Mike Mrdak—Deputy Secretary, Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services

Jack McAuley, BTRE introduction

Helen Newell, General Manager, Development, Pacific National, *Barriers and solutions to land transport challenges*

Stuart St Clair, Chief Executive, Australian Trucking Association, *Carrying the freight*

Professor Fred Affleck, Executive Director, Planning and Transport Research Centre, and Commissioner, National Transport Commission, *Trucks trains and tracks*

12.30            Lunch: The Hon Mark Vaile MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services

1.45            Session 3:    Aviation and policy challenges for future growth

Chair: John Doherty—Executive Director, Aviation and Airports, Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services

Jonathan Firth, BTRE introduction

Craig Saddler, President, Boeing Australia, *Satisfying the market—why the 787 makes sense*

Ian Thomas, Managing Consultant, CAPA Consulting, *Liberalise or bust—the aviation policy conundrum*

Professor Peter Forsyth, Monash University, *Aviation and economic performance*

3.15–3.45    Afternoon tea

3.45            Session 4:    Capital city ports—coping with growth

Chair: Ivan Backman—Chairman, Australian Logistics Council

Godfrey Lubulwa, BTRE introduction

David Bayne, Drewry Shipping, *Port infrastructure—what are the challenges?*

Greg Martin, Chief Executive, Sydney Ports Corporation, *Securing the lifeblood of the NSW economy*

Phil Lovel, Executive Director, Victorian Transport Association, *Melbourne's winning formula*

5.15            Day 1 close

7.00            Dinner, Great Hall, Australian Parliament House

## DAY TWO—THURSDAY 14 JUNE

9.00	<b>Session 5: Improving north–south corridor rail and road links—issues, options, payoffs</b> Chair: Leslie Riggs—Executive Director, AusLink, Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services
	David Mitchell , BTRE introduction  David Greig, Executive Director, ACIL Tasman, <i>An inland route between Melbourne and Brisbane? The North-South rail corridor study</i>  Derek Harris, Manager, Infrastructure Strategy, Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd, <i>North-south rail freight growth—opportunities and impediments</i>  Alan Evans, President, NRMA Motoring Services and President, Australian Automobile Association, <i>Building a five star future for Australian motorists</i>
10.30–11.00	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00	<b>Session 6: Reducing road casualties—is there a best route?</b> Chair: Greg Martin—Director General, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, Western Australia
	Kym Bills, Executive Director, Australian Transport Safety Bureau, <i>Road safety in Australia—the data and the challenge</i>  Professor Ian Johnston, Monash University Accident Research Centre, <i>New road safety strategies to continue Australia's gains</i>  David Healy, Senior Manager, Road Safety, Transport Accident Commission, <i>Advancing road safety—a practitioner's perspective</i>  Professor Thomas Breitling, Director of Active Safety and Energy, DaimlerChrysler, Germany, <i>New vehicle technology can take road safety to a new level</i>
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30	<b>Session 7: Climate change and transport—what are the main options?</b> Chair: Trudi Meakins—Executive Director, Policy and Planning Division, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, South Australia
	David Cosgrove, BTRE introduction  Professor Peter Newman, Director, Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy, Murdoch University, <i>Transport and greenhouse—refocussing our cities for the future</i>  David Lamb, CSIRO Low Emission Transport Leader, <i>Cars, trucks, planes—what will drive them in the future?</i>  Brian Fisher, Vice President, CRA International , <i>The role of the transport sector in mitigation policy</i>
3.00–3.30	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3.30	<b>Session 8: Policy directions</b> Chair: Susan Page—Deputy Secretary, Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services
	David Bray, Economic and Policy Services  Professor Werner Rothengatter
4.15	<b>Colloquium close—A complimentary bus service to the airport will be available from Old Parliament House. Further details to be advised.</b>

## GUIDED TOUR OF NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE (complimentary)

Date: Wednesday 13 June

Time: 6.15–7.15 pm—please see Kath Callow, Colloquium organiser

## COLLOQUIUM DINNER

Date: Wednesday 13 June 2007

Time: Pre-dinner drinks 7.00–7.30 pm

Dinner: 7.30 pm

Venue: Great Hall, Australian Parliament House

There will be a complimentary bus service from Novotel Northbourne, Crowne Plaza and the Hyatt to Australian Parliament House and returning after the dinner.

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