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Minister to address BusNSW Members at Hunter Valley Conference

14 March 2018

The 2018 BusNSW Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, and includes a half day workshop for BusNSW members on Thursday 19 April 2018 as well as a full day Conference on Friday 20 April 2018.

Executive Director of BusNSW, Matt Threlkeld said he is expecting over 200 delegates to attend the conference which will focus on a theme of, Navigating the Future, which reflects the need for operators, suppliers and government to steer the public transport framework and to adapt to a changing environment.

"We live in a rapidly changing world and the way we plan and deliver bus and coach services is being transformed as never before," Threlkeld said.

"The effect of new technology, the internet and social media, means that people's mobility expectations are changing" he said.

"From mass transit to personalised transport, from fixed route services to on-demand services, from diesel buses to electric buses, from driver-controlled buses to autonomous vehicles – the transport landscape is rapidly changing," Threlkeld said.

"The conference will give delegates an insight into new public transport initiatives and pilots being used to determine what works and what doesn't" he said.

On Friday 20 April, the Conference program will feature a NSW Government Address from **The Hon. Andrew Constance, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure**.

Conference topics will include:

- RMS Compliance and Regulatory Issues for the Bus and Coach Industry
- New NSW Passenger Transport Regulations What's changing for Operators?
- Point to Point Transport Update
- On-demand Transport What's Working and What's Not?
- Autonomous, Connected and Electric Vehicles Where are we at?
- NSW and National Industry reports.

There are limited spaces for the Conference and Accommodation. For full programs and more information please visit www.busnsw.com.au or contact BusNSW on 02 8838 9500. Delegates are encouraged to register for the conference **before 23 March** to take advantage of the "early bird" discount.