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Workforce: a diverse, capable, well trained workforce
• Skills gap analysis
• Supporting a national approach to roles, training, courses and competency requirements and management
• Rail industry worker card
• Diversity in rail
• Promoting careers in rail
• Young rail professionals

Future: ensuring rail continues to provide the backbone of transport networks
• Smart Rail
• Land preservation for freight and passenger rail corridors and intermodal terminal precincts
• National pipeline of rail projects
• Separation of passenger and freight
• i-Trace
• Rail optimisation

Members: supporting industry needs through targeted and responsive engagement
• Collaborative and sustained effort on driving ARA’s purpose and strategic priorities
• Knowledge sharing, networking and value
• Events to support advocacy agenda
• Cross industry initiatives

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