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# Join our network

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) is the peak body for the rail industry in Australia and New Zealand. Join us in our journey to a better rail future.

**Stay informed**

**Stay connected**

**Contribute**

## Australasian Railway Association

We are the peak body for rail throughout Australia and New Zealand representing all sectors of the rail industry.

We provide a coordinated and unified voice on relevant issues of national importance. The ARA engages political leaders at both the state and federal levels in forward-looking discussions around industry potential. We bring about key policy reform to effectively enhance Australia's productivity, economic and social prosperity, as well as its international competitiveness.

The ARA creates an avenue for industry to connect, knowledge-share and work together to achieve greater results for rail. We work to create an environment for the rail industry to prosper; we want to ensure a better rail future for all.

## What we do

The ARA is the rail industry's

**Leader** – influencing key decision makers and policy direction

**Facilitator** – Creating business opportunities through ongoing networking, establishing professional partnerships and knowledge sharing

**Communicator** – listening and responding to member needs, sharing updates, ideas and industry insight

**Developer** – building world-class credentials and competencies of industry workers through professional development

**Collaborator** – forming cooperative partnerships between industry stakeholders/ state and federal governments

**Promoter** – advocacy for the people and projects within rail, promoting Australian rail expertise internationally

**Contributor** – navigating rail issues and identifying rail solutions through our working groups and executive committees

## Works to achieve

A pipeline of freight and passenger projects to benefit all sectors of the rail industry

A coordinated and unified voice on relevant issues of national importance

Career opportunities for highly capable rail industry employees in all facets of a high-tech and innovative rail system

Improved public policy and procurement processes, greater investment in rail

Harmonised rail regulations, regulatory reform, reducing of red tape

Wider recognition of economic, environmental and social benefits of rail

## Our vision

*A world-class rail industry in Australia and New Zealand that contributes to a liveable and sustainable society that benefits all.*

## Stay informed

-  Access to member-only communications on key industry issues as they unfold.
-  Invitations to members to participate in regular industry briefings covering such areas as: freight and passenger project opportunities, logistics, customer service, revenue protection and benchmarking for passenger rail.
-  Access to the latest industry data, global benchmarking and relevant research through advocacy publications and submissions.
-  Participation at discounted member rates for conferences and courses ranging from specialised engineering courses to events targeting key issues facing industry.
-  Access information pertaining to government assistance programs that support local suppliers.

## Stay connected

-  The opportunity to connect with key stakeholders and decision makers through networking events, government roundtables, collaborative forums and leaders' lunches.
-  Member rates to attend large scale networking and information sharing opportunities at AusRAIL - the largest rail conference in the Southern Hemisphere.
-  The ability to form connections and cultivate professional relationships to help you grow your business and advance the rail industry overall.
-  The opportunity to become part of our advocacy – the ARA meets regularly with with senior government ministers and opposition shadow portfolio holders to advocate on your behalf.
-  The ARA maintains a strong relationship with senior departmental representatives and independent bodies such as the Rail Industry Safety & Standards Board, Infrastructure Australia, the Australian Communication & Media Authority and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator.

## Contribute

-  The opportunity to participate (either actively or just by being informed) in any of our working groups. Through collaboration with industry players, ARA's groups provide ways to work together to help your business run efficiently and cost effectively.
  -  Key focus areas include infrastructure planning, safety (including Signals Passed At Danger), telecommunications (including Spectrum), disability access, workforce development and asset inventory management.
-  Opportunity to work with us in forming a position on industry matters and influencing key industry regulations and policies.
-  The opportunity to participate in 'Rail Careers Week' held annually to provide the community with insight into the rail industry and all it has to offer.
-  Become involved in shaping the future direction of our nation's infrastructure, from financing and streamlined procurement processes, through to the delivery and ongoing maintenance of rail projects.

Join now and become part of our local and international network  
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