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## Over 2000 rail industry professionals in Brisbane for AusRAIL 2022

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) is set to welcome more than 2000 rail industry professionals to the AusRAIL 2022 Conference and Exhibition this week at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

ARA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said the ARA was delighted to bring the rail industry back together once again to celebrate, network, discuss and engage on the latest issues facing our sector.

“AusRAIL is the premier rail industry event in Australasia and connects the entire rail industry for three days of networking, collaboration and trade opportunities,” Ms Wilkie said.

“We are particularly pleased that we will be in Queensland given the scale of rail-related projects underway in the state, including the Cross River Rail, Inland Rail, Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 and the New Generation Rollingstock program.”

The three-day event from Monday 5 December to Wednesday 7 December features an extensive Exhibition showcasing more than 90 suppliers.

The Conference program features a huge line up of over 100 speakers representing industry leaders overseeing public transport services, freight operations, manufacturing and supply chain, including:

- Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development the Hon Catherine King MP
- Assistant Minister for Manufacturing Senator the Hon Tim Ayres
- Hitachi Global Chief Executive Officer Andrew Barr
- Pacific National Chief Executive Officer Paul Scurrah
- National Transport Commission Chief Executive Officer Gillian Miles
- John Holland Group Executive General Manager and Managing Director Rail & Transport Division Steve Butcher
- Alstom Australia & New Zealand Managing Director Pascal Dupond
- Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW Chief Executive Officer Benedicte Colin
- ARC Infrastructure Chief Executive Officer Murray Cook
- ONRSR Chief Executive Officer Sue McCarrey
- KiwiRail CEO Peter Reidy
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency CEO Nicole Rosie

With this year's AusRAIL being staged in Brisbane, delegates will have the chance to hear updates on major projects in Queensland from speakers including Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads the Hon Mark Bailey MP, Queensland Rail Chief Executive Officer Kat Stapleton, Cross River Rail Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Graeme Newton and Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads Deputy Director General (Translink) Sally Stannard.

Ms Wilkie said the conference was timely given the unprecedented infrastructure pipeline and rail infrastructure investment occurring across Australia and New Zealand at the moment.

"AusRAIL provides a chance to discuss the opportunities that come with these landmark projects, and how the industry is driving innovation to ensure greater productivity and efficiencies for the rail industry," Ms Wilkie said.

"The program also includes thought-provoking discussions on issues that will influence the future of rail, with dedicated streams on sustainability, diversity, passenger and light rail, asset management, technical, track, safety and signalling, innovation as well as international perspectives."

AusRAIL takes place from Monday 5 December to Wednesday 7 March at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

View the program [here](#).

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