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Heavy vehicle conference to highlight future innovation for vital industry

Melbourne, 24 February – A two-day heavy vehicle conference next month will deliver key messages around innovation, legal requirements and future obligations for an industry facing great change.

To be held at VACC House in Melbourne, the 'Australian Innovation in Heavy Vehicles Conference' is an initiative of the Australian Road Transport Suppliers Association (ARTSA), and is supported by the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia (CVIAA) and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Conference convener and ARTSA Chairman, Dr Peter Hart, said that technology and legislation is moving quickly in the heavy vehicle space and that it was important for those who worked in it to keep up to date with the constant change.

"The conference will deal with modifications and innovations, and the legal requirements and best practice for those who modify, prepare and design equipment for the heavy vehicle industry. There has been significant change in the legal space concerning this area and some of that change is brand new, so the industry needs to be across those changes," Dr Hart said.

The conference will enhance obligation awareness, explore compliance pathways, and raise industry standards in the field of commercial vehicle modifications.

Dr Hart said that those who operate or modify vehicles should attend the conference to learn about legal obligations and changing technical requirements, and to have input into these through workshops and planning sessions.

"We will have keynote speakers and breakout workshops where we can go into the fine detail of modifications and good practices and codes. We'll hear about legal and insurance requirements, and the accreditation of engineers and tradespeople.

"We will be discussing innovation and the importance and size of the industry, which benefits the nation significantly in terms of employment, training and dollars," Dr Hart said.

Guest speakers include VACC Executive Director, Geoff Gwilym; CVIAV Chair, Allan Bartlett; National Transport Commission Legislative Policy, Anna Beesley; NHVR Technical Advisor, Matthew Fletcher; VicRoads Senior Technical Advisor, Drew Stevenson; and ARTSA Executive Director, Rob Perkins.

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The Australian Innovation in Heavy Vehicles Conference will be held on 2-3 March at VACC House, 464 St Kilda Road Melbourne. Go to artsa.com.au/conferences for more information and enrolment details.

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