



RAIL TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

The second Rail Technology workshop will be held on 13-14 August 2009 in Melbourne (Hilton on the Park). The purpose of the conference and workshop is to provide participants with the opportunity to contribute to the development of the ARA's technology strategy and associated roadmap which will in turn inform the rail industry in harmonising its technologies over the next 30 years. The presentations provided during the previous one and a half days by prominent international and national speakers will help shape the outcomes of the workshop.

The workshop will focus on three particular domains namely rolling stock, train control and operations and infrastructure. Participants will be requested to join one of these groups according to their particular interests. The groups will: identify the likely technological environment in these three domains in 30 years time (2040); define the strategic and operational drivers (or principles) that underpin a technology strategy in these domains; and identify the possible roadmap (or strategic action plan) that would need to be followed to realise the strategy's drivers (or principles).

Mr Terry Warin (Executive Director of ITS Australia) will facilitate the outcomes being sought and he will be assisted by three industry personnel who will chair the three workshops; they will be supported by the international and national speakers. A plenary session will be held towards the end of the day when a summary of the workshop outcomes will be tabled.

Further information on the workshop (including the registration form) can be found on the informa website <http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/transport/rail/2nd-annual-rail-technology-workshop> or the RISSB website at <http://www.rissb.com.au/linkdev/site/events.php>

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HOT TOPICS

- » Consultation – Discussion paper on the proposed amendment of the rail safety (Drug and alcohol testing) regulation 2008
- » Submission on Inquiry into the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment
- » National Greenhouse and Reporting Obligations

EVENTS

- » Understanding Rail Course 5 & 6 August 2009
- » Rail Technology Workshop 13-14 August 2009
- » ARA Members' Dinner - Perth 7 September 2009
- » AusRAIL Plus 2009 17 - 19 November 2009