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FEDERAL TRANSPORT MINISTER TO SPEAK AT 2012 TRUCKING CONVENTION

The **Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese**, will brief delegates at the 2012 Australian Trucking Convention about the progress of the Government's road transport reforms.

The convention will be held from Wednesday 16 to Saturday 19 May 2012 at the Rosehill Gardens Event Centre, Sydney. Mr Albanese will speak on Thursday 17 May.

The Chief Executive of the Australian Trucking Association, Stuart St Clair, said 2012 was the year of delivery for the reforms. The national heavy vehicle regulator will be established from 1 July; the national truck laws will take effect from the end of the year.

"Minister Albanese has led the development of the national heavy vehicle regulator and the national truck laws. These reforms will slash the red tape strangling the industry and boost its productivity and safety," Mr St Clair said.

"Minister Albanese is scheduled to chair a national transport ministers' meeting in Adelaide on Friday 18 May, during the convention. The ATA is delighted he was able to set aside time on Thursday morning to brief our delegates on the reforms, before leaving for the Adelaide meeting."

Mr Albanese is just one of the great speakers at the convention, which will feature **international safety leader Don Osterberg**, the Senior Vice President of Safety, Security and Driver Training at Schneider National in America.

Under Don Osterberg's leadership, Schneider National has achieved massive safety improvements, productivity gains and business growth, including a 59 per cent reduction in fatal crashes, a 27 per cent reduction in fatigue-related accidents and \$24 million in productivity cost savings.

Also at the convention, **leading economic forecaster Chris Richardson** from Deloitte Access Economics will brief delegates on the industry's business outlook.

Corporate adviser Brendan Richards from Ferrier Hodgson will provide expert advice on how trucking businesses can manage the changes in the industry to come.

And **leadership expert Gary Hodge** from the Pacific Institute will hand delegates the tools to improve their business performance.

"Across the program, the Australian Trucking Convention will focus on the big issues for 2012," Mr St Clair said.

Delegates who register for the full convention before 23 March will receive a **\$250 early bird discount**.

In addition, members of ATA associations, members of the ATA, ITC members and members of TruckSafe will receive a **\$100 member discount**.

For more information and to register, visit www.ataevents.net.au.

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