



Conference Program

Day 1 - 3rd June 2026

07:50 - 08:50
REGISTRATION

08:50 - 09:00

MC OPENS

09:00 - 09:30

SPEED NETWORKING

This speed networking session will allow delegates to introduce themselves and swap business cards with those they are seated with and other conference attendees.

09:30 - 09:50

Ministerial Address

09:50 - 10:20

Cross River Rail

- Latest updates on Cross River Rail.
- The project, which is jointly funded by state and federal governments, will ease congestion, improve connectivity and boost capacity.



Graeme Newton, Chief Executive Officer, Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

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Resilient & Future-Focused Transport Infrastructure

- This presentation will examine Queensland's approach to delivering a resilient and sustainable transport legacy in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Andrew Mahon, Deputy Director-General (Policy, Planning and Investment), Department of Transport and Main Roads

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TEA BREAK

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Sunshine Coast Terminal Airport Upgrades

- Sunshine Coast Airport is undergoing a \$170 million terminal expansion, which will double its size by 2027
- Upgrades include modernised facilities, enhanced retail and dining, improved passenger experience, and more baggage facilities.



Chris Mills, Chief Executive Officer, Sunshine Coast Airport

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European Train Control System Program

- The European Train Control System (ETCS) is a digital signalling system will be delivered to key parts of the Southeast Queensland rail network.
- The program will improve flow of information, help increase the frequency of trains, ensure a high level of safety, future-proof the rail network, and increase the reliability of the state's rail network.



Steven Thirkell, Engineering Delivery Director (Design and Delivery of the European Train Control System), Hitachi Rail

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Planning for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics & Legacy Transport Infrastructure

- Hear from a panel of experts about planning for Brisbane's 2032 Olympic Games.
- Challenges, risks, and opportunities.

Clare Robertson, Director, Infrastructure Advisory Group

Eugenie Buckley, Deputy Director-General, Dep of Sport, Racing & Olympic Games

Jack Shelley, State Director, WT Partnership

Kate Mackay, Principal, Arup

Peter Milward, General Manager, Department of Transport and Main Roads



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LUNCH BREAK

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Presentation by Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

Garry Mueller, Director, Investment, NAIF



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Brisbane Metro Expansion Program

- Brisbane Metro will expand to include 22 new stations, connecting key outer suburbs and the airport ahead of the 2032 Olympic Games.
- The project is supported by a partnership between the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council, and will create greater reliability and connectivity of the state's mass transit.

Cr Andrew Wines, Civic Cabinet Chair of Public Transport, Brisbane City Council



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From Budget to Build: Navigating Cost Escalation in Queensland's Transport Infrastructure Pipeline



- Queensland's transport infrastructure pipeline is entering a period of unprecedented demand, with Olympic-related works coinciding with broader state and national investment in roads, rail, and utilities.
- Construction cost escalation is being driven by overlapping project timelines, labour shortages, supply chain volatility, constrained market capacity – and geopolitical challenges.
- This session will outline the findings from WT's latest Australian Construction Market Conditions Report, explore the systemic pressures behind rising costs, the unique risks facing transport infrastructure delivery, and practical strategies available to mitigate escalation.

Jack Shelley, State Director, WT Partnership

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30-Year Two-Port Masterplan

- The 30-Year Two-Port Masterplan is a key step in creating new opportunities for the port of Cairns, including expansion of the Cairns Marine Precinct.
- The Masterplan outlines the most appropriate landside and waterside development pathways for each port in response to a growing regional population, economy and industry base.

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Active Transport infrastructure

- The importance of integrating cycling and walking paths into major road and rail projects in Queensland.
- An overview of current initiatives aimed at improving meeting growing demand for cycling and walking infrastructure.

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NETWORKING & DRINKS FUNCTION

Day 2 - 4th June 2026

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FIRESIDE CHAT

Coomera Connector (Stage 1)



- The Coomera Connector will deliver a road transport network expansion over a 45-kilometre stretch between Loganholme and Nerang.
- The \$3.5 billion project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments and will provide a new road link to the east of the M1 corridor, with new crossings of the Albert, Coomera, Logan, and Nerang Rivers.

Darren Wagstaff, Project Director, ACCIONA

Jay Sharma, Project Manager, Georgiou

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Inland Rail

- Updates and priorities on the Inland Rail Project.
 - The project spans approximately 1,700 kilometres and involves both upgrading existing rail lines and constructing new tracks.
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Beerburum To Nambour (B2n) Rail Upgrade

- The B2N upgrade will duplicate the North Coast Line between Beerburum and Landsborough stations.
 - The \$1.004 billion project will also deliver station upgrades, new park 'n' ride facilities and new rail passing loops.
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Outback Way Upgrade Program



- The Outback Way is a 2,720-kilometre route that crosses Central Australia, connecting Laverton in Western Australia with Winton in Queensland via Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.
- The upgrades will progressively seal and widen the Donohue Highway and Diamantina Developmental Road between Winton and Tobermorey, which will improve safety, connectivity, and access for tourism, freight, and mining.

Mel Forbes, General Manager, Outback Highway Development Council

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Biosecurity in the Boardroom: How Agricultural Leadership is shaping Queensland's Transport and Infrastructure Agenda



Jo will explore how agricultural leadership is shaping Queensland's transport and infrastructure agenda beyond the farm gate. Through the Biosecurity in the Boardroom project, delivered in partnership with Biosecurity Queensland, QFF is elevating biosecurity as a core governance risk—highlighting the operational, financial and reputational exposure facing transport and supply chain businesses. It will also examine QFF's joint advocacy in the Fix The Bruce campaign alongside RACQ and other peak bodies, and QFF's ongoing role on the Bruce Highway Advisory Council to prioritise critical upgrades that improve safety, strengthen freight efficiency and unlock productivity for regional industries and communities.

Jo Sheppard, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Farmers Federation

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Innovation, Digital and Smart technologies in Transport Infrastructure Delivery



- Hear about how AI, data, and smart technologies can optimise transport infrastructure projects in Queensland.

Professor Zuduo Zheng, Professor & Deputy TMR TAP Chair, University of Queensland

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Cairns Marine Precinct

- The Cairns Marine Precinct expansion project is a joint initiative between the Federal and Queensland governments, designed to boost maintenance, repair, and overhaul capabilities for commercial and defense vessels.
 - The project centers on a new 5,000-tonne ship-lift and a common user facility.
 - Updates on the project.
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Bruce Highway Upgrade Program

- The Bruce Highway Upgrade Program is the largest road infrastructure program in the state, aimed at enhancing capacity, safety, and flood resilience along the Bruce Highway between Brisbane and Cairns.
 - The 1,673-kilometre highway serves as Queensland's major north-south road corridor, supporting approximately 58 per cent of Queensland's population.
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Queensland's Freight Strategy

- Updates and priorities for Queensland's Freight.
 - Challenges and opportunities.
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Community Engagement in Major Transport Projects

- The benefits and opportunities related to active community involvement in transport projects.
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