



## Communique for the National Future Transport Summit

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### National Future Transport Summit, Brisbane

The National Future Transport Summit took place on 17 and 18 September, with Australian leaders from government, industry, community and academia coming together to agree a bold new direction for Australia's transport future.

Over two days, delegates engaged in open debate and collaboration to shape recommendations that prioritise safety, sustainability, productivity and social legitimacy for a future transport system, supported by strategic infrastructure and collaborative planning.

Delegates voted on 14 proposed recommendations. All recommendations were passed with an average of 97% support from the delegation.

### Agreed Summit Recommendations

1. Safety
  - 1.1 Prioritise safety opportunities
  - 1.2 Harness the value of advanced vehicle and connected transport data
  - 1.3 Establish a nationally coordinated innovation, testing, and proving ecosystem
2. Productivity
  - 2.1 Define the role of connected and automated transport in economic and productivity priorities
  - 2.2 Support home-grown industry and market development
3. Sustainability
  - 3.1 Recognise and quantify the potential sustainability benefits of connected and automated transport
4. Social Legitimacy
  - 4.1 Recognise the diverse transport and accessibility needs of Australians
  - 4.2 Promote community understanding of connected and automated technology
  - 4.3 Plan for future transport capabilities and assess impacts on employment and skills
5. Infrastructure
  - 5.1 Take a system-wide view to planning and delivering future transport networks
  - 5.2 Deliver a robust digital infrastructure platform and cybersecurity regime
  - 5.3 Review ownership, management, and funding of physical and digital transport infrastructure
6. Planning & Collaboration
  - 6.1 Foster national collaboration between governments, industry, academia, and communities
  - 6.2 Develop a collaborative plan for a nationally connected and automated transport future



## **Voices of Leadership**

The Summit heard from a broad range of government and industry leaders who highlighted the opportunities and challenges ahead:

- Sally Stannard, Director General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland
- Cr Andrew Wines, Brisbane City Council
- Richard Willder, Uber's Global Head of Automated Policy
- Su McCluskey, CEO of the National Farmers' Federation
- Rob Sharp, CEO of Airservices Australia

These contributions, alongside open collaboration among 170 Summit delegates, reinforced the shared commitment to shaping a safe, sustainable, productive and accessible transport system for all Australians.

## **Next Steps**

The agreed recommendations will be published in the *National Future Transport Summit Proceedings Report*, to be presented to Commonwealth, state and local governments as a blueprint for Australia's transport future. The Proceedings report will formally acknowledge all contributors to the recommendations, as well as additional commentary and perspectives shared at the Summit event.

The Consortium of more than 100 organisations, who have actively contributed to the strategic development of the Summit and its recommendations over the last 2 years, will continue work together to monitor the implementation and delivery of the Summit Recommendations.

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