

6.2 ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS 2021

Submitting Councillor: Stuart James

MOTION

That Council approves the attendance of Cr Stuart James at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2021 in Hobart from 7-9 November 2021.

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Local Government Association is holding its National Local Roads & Transport Congress 2021, in Hobart from 7 to 9 November 2021 (dates are inclusive).

I seek the Council's approval to attend the Congress.

DISCUSSION

Every year, local government nationally spends, approximately 25 cents in every dollar on local roads and transport.

With that level of investment, local government has a major stake in the future of Australia's transport systems and networks.

The theme of this year's Congress is 'Connecting Transport Networks Now and into the Future'.

The importance of improved transport connectivity to the economic wellbeing of Australia is well established. Improved transport connectivity allows greater accessibility to employment and markets, and cost savings in terms of reduced transit times, less traffic congestion and reduced transport costs

The Congress program will have presentations and discussion on a range of issues, including:

- Integrating People, Land Use and Transport
- Innovation in Pavement Technology
- Inland Rail
- Funding Reform and Council Trails
- Launch of ALGA's Local Roads and Transport Agenda 2018-2025
- Technology - Driving Change

Keynote speakers will include:

- The Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Tasmania
- Professor Narelle Haworth Director, The Centre For Accident Research And Road Safety-Queensland
- The CEO of Australian Airports Association

The Conference will offer participants the opportunity to explore how to improve the community's roads and infrastructure, access the latest technology, be inspired by the best in the business, and to speak directly to our Federal decision makers.

FINANCIAL

The total cost for the event is estimated at approximately \$2,500 and includes registration, travel and accommodation.

Costs may vary depending upon flight and accommodation availability.