

# VIEW FROM CANBERRA

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Over the last two months the BIC Chairman Wayne Patch and I have been meeting with federal, state and territory Ministers, Shadow Ministers, Director Generals and senior officers in every jurisdiction. We have also met with the CEOs of Infrastructure Australia, The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and the National Transport Commission.

Although we meet with governments and national jurisdictions throughout the year, the BIC has been running these targeted two month “industry briefing” campaigns around Australia for more than a decade. It is now a part of the norm that governments and jurisdictions expect to see us (and welcome us) at this time of the year to hear about Industry’s key priorities and issues.

You can see the full itinerary of this year’s campaign and Industry briefing at [www.ozebus.com.au](http://www.ozebus.com.au).

These meetings have got me thinking and highlighted to me the importance of membership of the BIC for bus operators through the State Associations or as direct members of the BIC and also for manufacturers and suppliers to Industry.

The BIC has a big membership that uniquely represents the interests of the whole Industry - operators and suppliers, providing a solid and united base, a powerful single voice to represent the business interests and future growth of the bus and coach industry.

The value of membership cannot and should not be underestimated.

If you are an operator and not a member of a State Association and/or BIC you should be.

If you are a supplier or service provider to Industry you should be a member of the BIC.

The reality is, those who are not BIC members get the benefit of the hard work that the BIC undertakes on behalf of Industry without contributing one cent to industry representation.

If you are one of them, I hope you seriously consider joining the BIC and participate in a tight knit industry. The benefits are unquestionable.

If you are a member and you know operators or suppliers who are not members of the BIC or State Associations, encourage them to join and be a part of a growth Industry, to be a contributor and not a freeloader.

In case you are not aware, the BIC produces a large array of guidelines and advisories for Industry at the request of our members and at times, government regulators. These publications have been made available on the OzeBus website and are intended to provide guidance on best practice policies on a range of issues such as door safety, tyre safety, fire mitigation, incident management, industrial relations and workplace health and safety.

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To stay up to date with what the BIC is planning and the activities being undertaken by the Secretariat, why not subscribe to our monthly e-bulletin by going to the OzeBus website.

Due to high demand, we have opened registrations early for this year's BIC National Conference November 6 to 9 in Perth. So if you want to get in before the end of financial year with your delegate registrations, the registration form can be downloaded from the conference web page at [www.ozebus.com.au](http://www.ozebus.com.au).

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