

# VIEW FROM CANBERRA



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## Federal Election – Industry policy and leadership

### Big Changes in Canberra

We start the year with a new Minister for Infrastructure for Transport, Barnaby Joyce, and a new Minister for Cities, Paul Fletcher and a new Minister for Regional Development John McVeigh. With an election looming, preferably in the New Year, according to the Deputy PM, BIC will be strongly focused on the development of important policy papers focused on regional development and connecting villages, towns, regions and cities and the economic value of getting passenger transport right and the future mobility task and the role of the Federal Government.

The joint BIC Conference with Bus and Coach Association New Zealand from Oct 7-10 in Cairns will have a very strong policy focus on the future PT task and smart travel, the business challenges, government roles and BIC policy development and the Federal Election. I hope we will see bus operators there in big numbers.

Accommodation options for the Conference can be accessed at the Moving People C21 Conference website: [movingpeople.com.au](http://movingpeople.com.au).

### Australian School Bus Summit and Coach Connections Summit and Industry Dinner - June 27

The first Australian School Bus Summit will be held in Canberra at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on June 27 and will conclude with an Industry dinner at which Federal Members and Senators will be invited.

This will run in parallel with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coach Connections Summit at the same venue. So Schoolies and Long Distance, Charter and Express operators, this is your chance to participate in an event specifically focused on your sector, so mark it in your diary and we will send out registration materials soon.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 year review of disability standards for accessible public transport and Motor Scooter regulation

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 year review of the accessible public transport standards will be underway soon and BIC will make a comprehensive response as we have for the first two reviews.

The BIC submission to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 year review of the disability standards for accessible public transport in 2013 can be accessed at the link below.

[https://infrastructure.gov.au/transport/disabilities/third\\_review\\_tor.aspx](https://infrastructure.gov.au/transport/disabilities/third_review_tor.aspx)

I am of the view that little has changed in relation to the Industry concerns about the accessible transport standards as outlined in our submission from 2013.

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I would be interested in hearing from operators and manufacturers of any other concerns or issues you have with the Standards and compliance timeframes that were not included in the 2013 submission.

BIC is also making a submission to the Federal Inquiry into the Regulation of Motor Scooters - see link below - the link above to the 2013 BIC submission includes commentary on mobility devices that will form part of the BIC submission to this Inquiry due on 13 March.

Any other commentary or issue operators or others would like to raise on mobility scooters are welcomed.

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural\\_and\\_Regional\\_Affairs\\_and\\_Transport/MobilityScooters](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/MobilityScooters)

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