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Delia Lawrie

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Delegation Travelling to Europe

Transport and Infrastructure Minister, Delia Lawrie will lead a Territory delegation to investigate the latest innovations in road infrastructure and truck safety.

Minister Lawrie has accepted an invitation from Deputy Prime Minister Mark Vaile to attend the 23rd World Road Congress in France with other State and Territory Ministers.

“Only 23 percent of Territory roads are sealed, we need to improve this and the congress will provide innovative ideas on developing road infrastructure” said Ms Lawrie

“The congress will specifically address issues surrounding accessibility to rural roads, management of very heavy vehicles and innovative road funding models.”

Executive Officer of the Australian Trucking Association Northern Territory, Peter Goed will also attend the congress with Ms Lawrie along with the head of the Government’s transport division.

“22 billion dollars of Commonwealth Auslink funding is up for grabs in the coming year” said Ms Lawrie

“The Territory has 15% of the Auslink road network yet only receives 2 percent of the money. Auslink funding policies will be influenced by the congress outcomes and being there will help us argue our case for a fairer share”

At the conclusion of the congress Ms Lawrie, Mr Goad and other members of the delegation will travel to Germany to tour the facilities of leading truck manufacturers.

Trucking magnate, Lindsay Fox will host the delegation and demonstrate the latest truck safety technology which can be applied in the Territory.

Minister Lawrie has declined an invitation to attend the Rugby World Cup while in France.

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