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Australia's Leading Supply Chain Safety Event Gets Underway

More than 280 representatives from all parts of the supply chain have gathered in Sydney today to attend the [2017 ALC Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit](#), hosted by the [Australian Logistics Council](#).

In its opening sessions, the two-day Summit featured an address by the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, as well as a keynote presentation by Sarah Bell, UK Traffic Commissioner for London and the South East of England, which focussed on the vital role UK Traffic Commissioners play in managing risks to road safety.

"The Summit reinforces ALC's position as Australia's leading industry advocate for supply chain safety and compliance," said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

"As the Summit's opening [video](#) noted, Chain of Responsibility is all about safety. These two days are an invaluable opportunity for industry representatives to examine effective safety practices, and consider how to apply these techniques in their own day-to-day operations," he said.

"A core focus of the Summit this year will be the coming changes to Chain of Responsibility (CoR) obligations under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), and the development of a Registered Industry Code of Practice (Master Code) to assist CoR compliance, both of which are expected to commence in mid-2018."

"Through a series of consultative workshops, attendees will have the opportunity to directly shape the content of this Master Code, which is currently being developed by ALC, in partnership with the [Australian Trucking Association](#)."

"The Master Code was the subject of an intense discussion during a panel session this morning, where a range of issues such as application and the role of independent audits were debated."

"The 2017 ALC Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit comes at a critical time for the freight logistics industry. The discussions that occur over the next two days will help drive better safety outcomes in this sector, and will shape ALC's safety-related work program over the year to come," Mr Kilgariff concluded.

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