

CCAT Chair's Report for CCAT's Annual General Meeting

CCAT was established on 1 July 2022 by the Board of NTRO as a collaboration of government, industry and community bodies to facilitate Australia and New Zealand's transition to connected and automated transport. In accordance with the CCAT Charter, the Chair of CCAT reports annually to the Board of NTRO.

GOVERNANCE

CCAT's Governance is defined under the CCAT Charter.

Accordingly, CCAT constituted its first elected Board at the AGM on 6 December 2022. The Board met four times during the year and comprises:

Ian Webb, Chair	Appointed by the Board of NTRO
Michael Caltabiano	NTRO, Ex Officio
Charles Griplas	ConnectEast
Dennis Walsh	Queensland TMR
Evan Walker	TfNSW
Jeremy Nassau	Transurban
Sal Petrocchio	NHVR
Simon Berry	Pitt and Sherry
Rob Giltinan	NRMA (interim appointment from 4 Sept 2024)

On October 30, the NTRO Board endorsed changes to the CCAT Charter enabling the CCAT Board to determine the number of member representatives to be on the Board. The Board have determined to expand the number of Board seats to twelve to support greater diversity of geography, sectors and gender.

NATIONAL FUTURE TRANSPORT SUMMIT

During 2023 the Board progressively developed a blueprint for a national summit in September 2025 to propose a plan for Australia's automated transport.

- It will be a national summit, not a conference – where industry leaders agree to recommendations on planning for connected and automated transport
- Convened by a consortium including national industry groups and all levels of government
- Covering all transport sectors and modes
- Important themes will include infrastructure, safety, productivity, decarbonisation and community outcomes.
- To be referred to a meeting of the ITMM ministerial council

No similar summit has been held previously.

The idea was well received by sixty industry associations and potential consortium members at an industry briefing hosted by Brisbane City Council in August 2023.

In early 2024 CCAT established a Steering Committee to manage the policy content of the Summit. The Steering Committee meets monthly and is chaired by CCAT.

The Steering Committee is a cross-sectoral forum of associations which has never previously existed within the industry.

The members are:

- Transport for NSW
- QLD Dept of Transport and Main Roads
- SA Dept of Infrastructure and Transport
- Main Roads WA
- Brisbane City Council
- FCAI
- Australian Logistics Council
- Australian Trucking Association
- Heavy Vehicle Industry Association
- ALGA
- Bus Industry Council
- ConnectEast
- Consult Australia
- Infrastructure Australia
- National Transport Commission
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Airservices Australia
- Transurban
- Telstra
- NRMA
- Hexagon
- Pitt and Sherry
- Joondalup City Council
- ITS Australia
- iMove
- NTRO
- CCAT

Given the Summit's 'whole-of-transport-system' focus, it is important to involve more sectors beyond roads, in particular rail, ports, mining, and agriculture. We are currently in discussion with the NFF, SEQ Council of Mayors, RACQ, RACWA, ARTC, and Inland Rail, among others, about their membership.

Work is also underway on a discussion paper to inform the Summit's recommendations. When this is confirmed in consultation with industry and government agencies, it will be released for community comment. We thank NTRO and the M G Lay Library for the research underpinning the paper.

Other issues now being addressed include:

- Event delivery and funding
- Engagement with the ITMM secretariat
- Final date and location (likely Brisbane, Sep 2025)
- Go/No Go decision

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

CCAT has also been active in policy engagement with industry and government.

CCAT held a series of events to engage the transport community. This included a networking event in Melbourne, in partnership with EastLink and NTRO. In June we partnered with EastLink for a networking event in Melbourne with industry presentations and a panel on public attitudes to automated vehicles. In September we partnered with QUT to deliver an event in Brisbane on use cases for automated vehicles, using a similar format. In August we held a webinar for ninety participants with Main Roads WA to discuss their recently released C-ITS Roadmap. Feedback from these events was encouraging - over 80% of respondents reported a positive experience.

In September we held an industry lunch at which Sally Stannard, the Director General of TMR was our guest speaker. Following today's CCAT AGM, the CCAT Board and invited guests will gather for Board lunch with Peter Woronzow as guest speaker. We thank Mr Woronzow for his participation, as well as the City of Joondalup for hosting the event.

CCAT also contributed actively to government policy through submissions and consultation, including the Commonwealth Government's Draft National Road Transport Technology Strategy and Connected and Automated Vehicle Action Plan, and the National Transport Commission's Automated Vehicle Safety Reforms. CCAT's own report on learnings from its 2023 International Outreach, has also been widely referenced in the sector.

We have supported research in the sector including grant applications on the topics of C-ITS and public attitudes to automated vehicles, and the successful ARC Training Centre for Automated Vehicles in Rural and Remote Regions led by the Queensland University of Technology.

FINANCE

In 2023/4 CCAT made a loss of \$29,889 on a revenue base of \$352,955. This was slightly behind the budgeted loss of \$22,000, and a vast improvement on performance over the previous year (CCAT's first year of operation), where the full-year loss was \$167,987. This

was also a dramatic improvement on the previous year with ADVI. CCAT's financial trajectory is largely as expected. With continued operation within budget CCAT should become self-sustaining in the next financial year.

CCAT currently has 24 members, 14 of whom are paying members (the others are membership bodies and community groups). Their membership revenue totals \$437,500. The large majority of this revenue comes from our seven Tier 1 members, representing \$350,000 in revenue.

CCAT has strong prospects for expanding the membership base and operating revenue in 2025.

OPERATIONS

CCAT's inaugural Executive Director, Rahila David, commenced 12 months' parental leave from the start of November. Following a public recruitment process, Brook Hall, has been appointed as interim Executive Director. Mr Hall is seconded from within the NTRO and brings many years of research and policy experience and expertise in future transport, sustainability and economics.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I express the CCAT Board's and my own wholehearted appreciation for Rahila David's leadership in delivering CCAT to where it finds itself today. Only those close to the journey can fully appreciate what an achievement this has been. We look forward to welcoming Rahila back as a happy parent.

I thank my fellow Board members for the experience they bring to CCAT and for their commitment to CCAT's success.

Finally, I extend the Board's thanks to CCAT's members and to NTRO in particular. Their support provides great confidence in CCAT's prospects for the future.

Ian Webb
Chair, CCAT