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## **Minister Paul Fletcher MP announces the National Infrastructure Data Collection and Dissemination Plan at the IPWEA (NSW) Emerging Technologies Conference on 14 JUNE 2018**

IPWEA NSW Emerging Technologies Conference was held for the 2nd year last week at the InterContinental Hotel Sydney. Hosted by Michael Pascoe, Finance Commentator, the program showcased new technologies within the public infrastructure sector. Minister Paul Fletcher MP opened the conference with a thought provoking speech dedicated to ensuring the industry growth is managed and addressed concerns of data sharing by announcing the National Infrastructure Data Collection and Dissemination Plan. The Final Data Plan summarises priority projects aimed at addressing infrastructure data and information gaps.

[https://bitre.gov.au/data\\_dissemination/index.aspx](https://bitre.gov.au/data_dissemination/index.aspx)

Professor James Murray Parkes, Director of Science & Engineering of Brookfield Scientific Solutions Group was our first Keynote presenter of the day and provided many wow moments with his intelligent, fascinating inventions and creations of energy sources of the future. Other presenters included Minister Keith Pitt MP, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Chris Gwynne of Hydro Tasmania, Michael Pascoe provided an economic update and then we headed into what is the new technology “Collaboration” where a panel discussed the importance of “Collaboration” in building Western City to meet the needs of communities by “Building Resilient Communities”. The first day finished with a look into the Western Sydney City Deal as David Borger of the Sydney Business Chamber showed us how the deal is being executed.

Day 2 kicked off with the hot topic “Autonomous Vehicles” Rita Excell, Executive Director of ADVI opened the session with a keynote presentation on “Future Transport Technologies” followed by a panel session of experts on autonomous vehicles including Dr Ashley Brinson of the Warren Centre, John Wall of Transport NSW, David Pickett, Vovlo Australia and Rita Excell. This session provided great debate on the safety of the vehicles and how they will be incorporated into future living and tackled the question are we really prepared for this forthcoming invention. Presentations followed on Drones, 3D Mapping, Solar Bins and the NSW Police Force new technologies. The conference finished with a presentation on new technologies being developed in the Water Catchment and Tim Day of Isle Utilities, revealed the latest emerging water and cleantech technologies.

The conference exposed the world of innovation and new technologies in the sector, presented by experts in their field and raised many questions, debate and also answers on how to prepare for the modern day changes that will affect our communities. We look forward to seeing what’s on show for 2019.

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