



Australian Community Transport Association

Creating a united sector

History

- ▶ Formed in 2011 when there were only three state peak organisations
 - ▶ New South Wales
 - ▶ Victoria
 - ▶ Queensland
- ▶ South Australia has recently created a peak organisation
- ▶ ACT, Northern Territory, Tasmania and Western Australia have no peak organisation
- ▶ Western Australia developing a peak body

Objectives of ACTA

- ▶ Provide a forum for state associations and state representative to meet and discuss matters of mutual interest
- ▶ Make representation to government, non-government and the private sector on behalf of its members
- ▶ Develop policy and standards that promote best practice in community transport
- ▶ Provide information and support to community transport providers in Australia
- ▶ Promote community transport issues throughout Australia
- ▶ Build a strong membership base to generate income and political influence

Achievements

- ▶ 2012 national conference in Canberra
- ▶ Strong relationship with federal Department of Social Services
- ▶ Grant of \$200,000 to produce advice to government on
 - ▶ National fees policy
 - ▶ Sustainable funding model

National Fees Policy

- ▶ ACTA coordinated response to proposed fees policy
- ▶ Too much/too little
- ▶ Gateway issues for people only needing transport
- ▶ Difficulties in cost of assessment process for community transport
- ▶ Legislative barriers
- ▶ Timeframe for introduction for service providers and users

Issues for Victoria

- ▶ Need to review all services to understand how much funding is directed to community transport
- ▶ Need for appropriate level of funding to enable services to operate
- ▶ Capital funding for vehicle replacement
- ▶ Cost of transition e.g. technology
- ▶ Fees for rural services

Membership models

- ▶ Old model, each state and territory to have two representatives on the board
 - ▶ Not able to generate income from the model
 - ▶ Hard for states and territories with no peak body to find representation

New membership model

- ▶ ACTA is the peak of peaks
- ▶ States with peak bodies to offer membership to those with no peak body
 - ▶ NSW/ACT
 - ▶ SA/NT
 - ▶ Vic/TAS
 - ▶ Qld and WA to have own peak body
- ▶ Board consists of 14 directors
- ▶ Income from peak bodies is a percentage of subscriptions collected from members

Next steps

- ▶ VCTA to contact Tasmania providers to initiate discussions
- ▶ Review VCTA constitution
- ▶ Membership open to Tasmanian Community Transport Services.