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Compliance with the Competition and Consumer Act 2010

This Competition and Consumer Compliance Policy (Policy) is to apply to all events (including meetings in person or by electronic means, webinars and podcasts) conducted by or on behalf of the Australian Association of Vertical Transport (AAVT). The Policy is to be made available to all event participants prior to the commencement of any event.

AAVT events are intended to promote and enhance the interests of the people and organisations represented at the event. Events are not a vehicle for discussion or collusion on matters of competition between participants.

Participants are reminded of their compliance obligations under, inter alia, Part IV of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and in particular of the obligation on the part of every participant not to engage in any activity that may be construed as anti-competitive in effect or purpose, or which may be likely to have such an effect or purpose.

The AAVT CEO/or other suitable person are to be nominated as the event's Probity Officer for the purpose of monitoring and recording any issues raised which might reasonably be considered capable of being in breach of the Act.

In this respect, the Probity Officer is not regarded as a legal advisor. However, he/she has full authority to interrupt any discussion or statement from participants which he/she feels to be of concern in this regard and to demand cessation of that discussion. The Chair will also require any participant who fails to acknowledge the intervention to leave the event.

The event will also record the giving of this Policy to the participants and the fact that all agenda items and papers relating to the business to be discussed do not contravene the Act. The Probity Officer will also ensure that any minute's record that the event was conducted in accordance with the protocols for compliance adopted by the AAVT and any exceptions experienced in the conduct or content of this event.

Privacy

The AAVT is bound by the Privacy Act and any personal information collected or used for the purposes of or related to this event is not to be used for any other purpose without the consent of the individual concerned.

Safety

AAVT is serious about the safety and wellbeing of participants. All participants are required to observe all directions and instructions provided by the Chair in relation to the venue for the event, and the activities to be held.

Intellectual Property

Matters discussed by members in AAVT events of any nature remain the intellectual property of the owner/author. No one else participating in the event may exploit the material learnt or discussed or use it for their personal advantage or benefit.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality of meeting papers and discussions must be maintained within AAVT forums. This allows for free ranging discussion and opinions to be expressed.

It is inappropriate to attribute statements made to individuals. The 'Chatham House Rule' applies.

"Chatham House Rule – When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."

In addition, defamatory or offensive statements or representations (however presented) will not be tolerated, and the AAVT Chair/Convenor is authorised to require the presenter to withdraw from the event.

Any person who offends against any of the protocols or statutory obligations issued by the AAVT in respect of this event may be required to leave the event.