

**The 11th International Conference on
Competition and Ownership of Land
Passenger Transport
(Thredbo 11)**

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We Remember Michael Beesley



The Intent of the Thredbo Series

- International Gathering every 2 years to review and progress our understanding of real world experiences in the reform of land passenger transport (primarily bus, coach, rail and ferry)
 - 24 countries represented at Thredbo 11
- To critique in an intensive workshop mode (with a focus on debate and discussion) the experiences to date and to promote new avenues of thought for progress.
- To find ways in which we can deliver our messages to those in positions of influence to action the efforts we have made.



The Workshops are what make the Thredbo Series Distinct

- We are here to work
- We are here to interact between academics, transport operators (private and public), regulators, politicians, consultants and others committed to this industry
- *Leave your egos behind* – one of the great things about the Thredbo Series is understanding and appreciating the great contribution that each player in the supply chain can make.
 - Each stakeholder is not here to **compete** but to **cooperate**
 - The only threat is the failure to cooperate



The Workshop Chairs and Co-Chairs

- Seven workshops
- Seven invited Chairs and Co-Chairs who will run the workshop and prepare the published workshop report
- Each workshop will have an Assistant who will ensure all runs smoothly (technically speaking)
- Focus less on papers (mainly background) and more on debate and discussion
- **REMEMBER** – the Chair/Co-Chair has to prepare a workshop report during the Conference



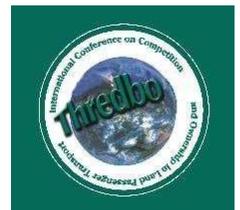
Workshop Rules

- You select a workshop and you stay in it.
- You are NOT ALLOWED to wander between workshops (except if we require you to do so for a presentation but then you MUST return to your workshop)
- Without this compliance the workshops will not WORK.
- You will also see how valuable it is to stay in a workshop
 - you will become a strong team and make lasting friendships
 - Those who defect will miss out and not be popular.
 - Ask the many people here who have participated before.



Workshop Format

- The Chairs have total freedom to run the workshops as they so wish
- The Chairs know they have to prepare a presentation for the whole conference (for Thursday AM)
- The Chairs should recognise the value of the papers but not encourage excessive presentations (but Chairs will decide)
- *Discussion, Debate and synthesis to establish future research and policy agendas is central*



Communications

- English is the Thredbo series language
- For many participants English is not their first language
 - To ensure clear communication we ask kindly that all participants speak in English SLOWLY and CLEARLY and CONCISELY.
 - The Chairs will monitor and encourage this.
- Do not be afraid to speak up if someone is unclear – this is the only way we can learn from each other



Papers and Publication

- All papers
 - CD-Rom
 - Downloadable from Thredbo site (if not be appear in published volume):
 - <http://www.itls.usyd.edu.au/Thredbo>
 - Thredbo 6,7,8, 9 and 10 also available (that are not in published books)
- Workshop Reports
 - Due January 2010
- T8: Hensher, D.A. (editor) (2005) Competition and Ownership of Land Passenger Transport” (Elsevier Science, Oxford), 800pp.
- T9: Macario, R., Viegas, J. and Hensher, D.A. (editors) (2007) Competition and Ownership in Land Passenger Transport, Elsevier, Oxford. (ISBN-13: 978-0-08-045095-7), 969pp.
- T10: Hensher, D.A. (ed.) (2008) Reforms in Public Transport, Research in Transportation Economics, Vol. 22 (Elsevier Science)
- T11 Research in Transportation Economics (Elsevier Science)

Thank you Chris Pringle (Elsevier Science) – attending T11

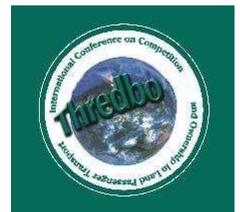


A Context for the Thredbo Workshops

- May the *Authority of Ideas* and not the *Idea of Authority* Reign Supreme

For then we will make real progress

Enjoy the Conference and Workshops



Some Big Agenda Items for Thredbo 11

- How do we build trusting partnerships between operators and regulators?
- How well do commercial and social objectives fit?
- What role might negotiation play in performance-based contracts?
- Has we oversold the long term benefits of tendering?
- Has CT really delivered the promised/expected benefits?
- What future can bus and rail expect in face of growing demand for car use?
- What carrot or stick instruments make a difference to growing PT patronage?
- Is it time to stop focussing on emotional-laden modal technology debates and more on accessibility and service?
- How much more gain in cost efficiency can we extract from markets heavily exposed to CT and Deregulation?
- What cross-cultural and societal differences can be used as learning benchmarks for all circumstances in all nations?
- Social exclusion has become a major concern. What role can PT play?
- What role can education and training play and what type? Is accreditation inadequate in many countries in ensuring appropriate business skills in running bus and rail businesses?
- Do we focus too much on compliance and not enough of performance?
- What role should each level of government play (given broader goals linked to provision of PT)?
- How can we move the PT agenda high up the political agenda? Or should we?

And More.....



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