Wednesday, 15 October

Day 1 Conference Program

Time			
8.50am	**Welcome and opening remarks** **Geoff Hird** – Events Director, Comms Connect, and MC, **Chris Stevens**		
9.00am	**From whoa to go – lessons learned on New Zealand's Public Safety Network cellular service journey** **Steve Ferguson** – Director, NGCC; **Sam Newton** – Enterprise Architect, Hourua; **Steve Lawrence** – Chief Technical Director, NGCC; **Inspector Kerei Gray** – NZ Police		
9.30am	**Australian PSMB progress update** **Kylie De Courteney** – Managing Director, NSW Telco Authority; **Bradley Creevey** – Assistant Co-ordinator General, PSMB Taskforce, NEMA		
10.00am	**Critical Communications – an eye on the horizon** **Luke Marchant** – General Manager, Customer & Advisory Services, Telstra Enterprise + emergency services customer TBC		
10.30am	**Morning Break — Exhibition Hall**		

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11.15am	**P25 global update** **Cheryl Giggetts** – Board Member, Project 25 Technology Interest Group (USA)	**The future of LMR in Australia and USA** **Andrew Maxymillian** – President, GWTCA	**Australia's competitive digital future depends on affordable access to spectrum** **Louise Hyland** – CEO, Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association
11.45am	**International Public Safety Fireside Chat** **Panellists – TBC**	**The hybrid future – weaving public, private and virtual networks for critical communications** **Julian Gorman** – Head of APAC, GSMA	**Energy company responding to a cyclone** **James Lowe** – Network Engineer, Ergon Energy
12.15pm	**Vehicle as a Node (VaaN) – the NSW Rural Fire Service story** **Matthew White** – Manager Operational Platforms, NSW Rural Fire Service	**Network sensing for flood monitoring and prediction** **Jay Guo** – Distinguished Professor, UTS	**Dedicated network solutions for industries with a focus on LTE/5G in the 400 MHz bands** **Gösta Kallner** – Executive Chairman, 450 MHz Alliance
12.45pm	**Lunch Break — Exhibition Hall — *Sponsored by Radlink Communications***		
1.45pm	**Seamless connectivity & next gen critical communications at NZ Police** **Inspector Kerei Gray** – Business Change Leader, PSN Program, NZ Police	**Sharing multimedia data between agencies, securely in real time** **Genie Tan** – COO, Connectivity Innovation Network	**Keeping communities connected with rapidly deployable connectivity when it matters most** **Darren Cooley** – National Manager, Pivotel Satellite + customer tbc
2.15pm	**Providing a pathway for the future of the critical link between the community and first responders – NECWG white paper** **Matt Wormald** – Chief Superintendent, Ops & Comms, Fire & Rescue NSW	**Nelson Coastguard radio dispatch system** **Allan Cambridge** – Comms & IT Project Leader, Coastguard Nelson	**When (rapid) connectivity matters most** **Luke Wadeson** – CEO, Exceed ICT
2.45pm	**Coastal emergency alerting system – enhancing public safety through integration** **Speakers – TBC**	**Cyber risk management in P25 and LMR environments – insights from recent large-scale projects** **Barry Grek** – GRC Director, Phronesis Security	**NGX & MCX – two sides of the same coin** **Manuel Hintermayr** – Global Head of Public Safety, Frequentis **Martin Rampl** – Managing Director, Frequentis Australasia
3.15pm	**Afternoon Break — Exhibition Hall**		
3.45pm	**Mission-critical console deployment integrates multiple vendor tech for interoperability** **Leslie Scott** – Systems Manager, Zetron	**AI voice recording in operations centres** **Speakers – TBC**	**How Public Safety agencies optimised critical comms during the Paris Olympics** **Brad Welch** – GM, TPL Systems
4.15pm	**PANEL: Women in Critical Comms – pathways, challenges and opportunities** **Moderator: Natalie Kolodziej** – Head of Enterprise & Government Radio Networks, Telstra **Panellists: Louise Hyland** – CEO, Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association; **Bidar Homsey** – Chair, Australian Critical Communications Forum; **Genie Tan** – COO, Connectivity Innovation Network; **Cheryl Giggetts** – Board Member, P25 Technology Interest Group; **Rania Wannous** – Executive Director, Emergency Management, NSW Telco Authority		
5.00pm	**NETWORKING DRINKS — EXHIBITION HALL — *sponsored by Hypha***		
6.30pm	**ARCIA ANNUAL INDUSTRY GALA DINNER – Sofitel Melbourne on Collins**		

Thursday, 16 October   Day 2 Conference Program

Time			
8.55am	**Welcome and opening remarks** **Chris Stevens,** MC, Comms Connect		
9.00am	**Establishing the European Critical Communication System (EUCCS)** **Dr David Lund** – Project Coordinator, EUCCS Preparation; Public Safety Communication Europe		
9.30am	**Space and land convergence – how rapid developments in satellite tech are revolutionising critical mobile connectivity** **Luke Coleman** – CEO, Australian Telecommunications Alliance		
10.00am	**International presentation TBC**		

Time	**Morning Break — Exhibition Hall**		
10.30am			
	Public Safety – Theatre 1	**Technology – Theatre 2**	**Industry – Theatre 3**
11.15am	**Radio communication protocols in joint & emergency operations – an approach towards Brazilian reality** **Gustavo Dantas** – Lt Colonel, Brazilian Military Police	**LEO Satellite market update – resilient connectivity for remote & mission critical operations** **Ashley Neale** – Head of Space & Wireless Operations, Vocus	**Australia's first 5G mmWave community – a new era in wireless connectivity** **Carly Irving-Dolan** – Executive Director, Living Gems
11.45am	**New Zealand's new Cellular Network Visibility service – boosting emergency services capabilities** **Steve Lawrence** – Chief Technical Director, NGCC **Sam Newton** – Enterprise Architect, Hourua	**Cyber security & digital radio – protecting mission-critical comms** **Paul Whitfield** – Research & Development Manager, Omnitronics	**Presentation under review**
12.15pm	**Powering public safety with 5G – secure, resilient, cyber-ready** **Enrique Garcia** – Head of Mission-Critical Networks, Ericsson	**Digital transformation in mission-critical comms – enabling seamless transitions from legacy to PTToC solutions** **Eliam-Jay Bendavid** – Lead Solutions Architect, Streamwide	**As mission-critical technology evolves, are you keeping an eye on your network?** **Senthil Sundram –** Head of Telecommunications, Rohde & Schwarz
12.45pm	**Lunch Break — Exhibition Hall –** *Sponsored by Radlink Communications*		
1.45pm	**Beyond interoperability – designing mission-driven networks for emergency response & defence** **Leith Mudge** – Senior Systems Engineer, DTC	**Cell on Wheels & shared infrastructure** **Matthew Schultz** – Partner, Gravelroad Group	**What has changed to allow broadband-first in mission-critical communications** **Lee Mason** – Public Safety Leader, L3Harris
2.15pm	**The importance of rapid response during critical emergency events** **Inspector Kerei Gray** – Business Change Leader, PSN Program, New Zealand Police **Dylan Earle** – Customer Solutions Manager, Tait Communication	**AI & mission-critical comms – current trends, complexities, applications & opportunities** **Ashwin Dinkar** – VP Defence & International Business, Eventide Communications	**Presentation under review**
2.45pm	**PANEL: Satellites, space and secure critical comms – a current reality check and future possibilities** **Moderator: Chris Stevens** – Managing Director, CartGIS **Panellists: Luke Coleman** – CEO, Australian Telecommunications Alliance; **Frank Savaglio** – Senior Technology Specialist, Telstra Networks; **Ashley Neale** – Head of Space & Wireless Operations, Vocus; **Hamish Duff** – President, ARCIA; **Neil Jamieson** – Group CEO, Hypha		
3.30pm	**CONFERENCE CLOSES**		

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