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Regional Aviation Summit 2012

The RAAA Regional Aviation Summit at Parliament House on Monday 19 March is shaping to be a very important conversation between legislators and the industry.

Over 100 delegates and parliamentarians will attend both the Summit and the Dinner.

Ministers Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, and Martin Ferguson, Minister for Resources and Energy, will address delegates, as well as the Leader of the Nationals and Shadow Transport Minister, Warren Truss.

The Summit will cover the challenges and opportunities facing regional aviation, regional aviation's vital role in regional development, and the great and unrealised potential for the Australian aviation training industry.

"This is a rare opportunity for the regional aviation industry to speak directly to our elected representatives en masse," said Paul Tyrrell, CEO of the RAAA.

"Our parliamentarians will hear that regional aviation is essential national transport infrastructure and must be understood in the same way as roads and sea-ports".

"The resources industry, the driver of our economy, relies heavily on regional aviation providing well organised and efficient fly-in, fly-out operations," he concluded.

The Summit will attempt to engage legislators to see that regional aviation is a growing force for regional development and a generator of wealth for all Australians.

There will also be opportunity to discuss how the Commonwealth can partner with the regional aviation industry to bring more services and employment growth to regional Australia.

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