



# 15th Australasian Tunnelling Conference 2014

*Underground Space – Solutions for the Future*

17–19 September 2014, Sydney, Australia

## What does the future hold ...

- Will future technologies make a difference?
- Who will pay for projects? Will funding be an issue?
- How will future cities function without underground solutions?
- Energy efficiency – further development of access to underground mines.
- Engineers of the future, where will they come from?
- It's time to share your vision for the future!

The 15th Australasian Tunnelling Society (ATS) Triennial Conference will be held in Australia's largest city, Sydney. The organisers of this popular series recognise the industry's fast evolution and advances in underground space engineering; the larger tunnel boring machines are only one example of such progression. Other areas of underground engineering have become highly sophisticated over recent years' but continue to present less of a profile. This conference is the industry's opportunity to share in the knowledge, share project and application experiences, and provide opportunities to hear what others have to say. Case studies describing real world applications have what attendees of this event want to hear, and for industry to continue on the path of evolution.

The Australasian tunnelling community, particularly the Sydney ATS team look forward to hosting you and creating an atmosphere where underground space can be advanced together. Your standing in the profession will increase by submitting an abstract. What an opportunity!

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Conference Chair, 15th Australasian Tunnelling Conference 2014

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## Call for Papers

### Conference themes:

The theme 'Underground Space – Solutions for the Future' is deliberately broad – if it's below ground your contribution will fit into one of the following themes:

- excavation methods
- fire life safety and ventilation
- geology, geotechnics and groundwater
- ground support, segmental linings, waterproofing
- long tunnels
- major project case histories
- materials testing and specification
- permanent shotcrete linings
- planning ahead – concept to delivery
- project risk and contracts
- road and rail transportation
- settlement prediction and mitigation
- shaft sinking
- small complex projects
- tunnel boring machine access tunnels to mines
- training programs – sharing the knowledge
- utility services tunnels.

### Submission Deadline

**All abstracts due by 25 November 2013**

### Online Abstract Submission

Please submit an abstract, not exceeding 300 words in English, to the 15th Australasian Tunnelling Conference 2014 Speakers' Portal, via: <http://www.atstunnellingconference2014.com>

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