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## Transport joins CIPMA Program

The transport sector has been announced as the fifth sector to join the Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis (CIPMA) Program.

Attorney-General Robert McClelland made the announcement on 30 September 2008 at the annual Transport Infrastructure Assurance Advisory Group Forum in Sydney.

Transport takes its place alongside the energy, water, communications, and banking and finance sectors in the world-leading CIPMA capability which has the potential to build operational resilience by generating data that shows how buildings, infrastructure and people might be affected by a disaster.

The program gives government and industry ‘virtual insight’ into disruption to services that can be caused by natural or manmade disasters—a major advantage in planning how to prepare, prevent, respond to or recover from an adverse event.

CIPMA is a collaborative success story between Government (at both Commonwealth and state and territory level) and industry. Although still in its early stages of development, CIPMA is proving to be a valuable tool. It was used to support security planning for APEC Leaders’ Week and World Youth Day, as well as a number of other business and government activities in 2008.

In his speech to the Transport Forum, Mr McClelland noted that the key message in critical infrastructure protection is that no industry works in isolation. One of the benefits of CIPMA is that it gives industry a better understanding of its interdependencies. CIPMA relies on data and information provided by infrastructure owners and operators, including State and Territory Governments.

CIPMA has achieved good coverage of the banking and finance, communications and energy sectors and is progressing coverage of the water sector. The inclusion of transport, on which so much of our economy and community rely, will add to the picture of critical infrastructure interdependencies within and between different sectors.

The program is managed by the Attorney-General’s Department with technical support from Geoscience Australia.

More information about CIPMA is available from the Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch of the Attorney-General's Department.

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