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Premier O'Farrell to keynote at IPAA NSW State Conference – LIVE from Beijing

In a technological first for IPAA NSW, Premier Barry O'Farrell will address 300 plus senior public sector professionals at the NSW State Conference live via telepresence from Beijing. But it is not just conference delegates who will have the opportunity to hear the Premier speak – his keynote address will also be streamed live to the web, thanks to conference partners Cisco and Telstra.

With governments and communities around the world facing risks and opportunities of unprecedented scale and complexity, the conference on **19 July** will explore a range of solutions for governments – many of which will be qualitatively different from those attempted in the past.

The Premier and new Chair of the Public Service Commission Advisory Board, Professor Peter Shergold, are two of a number of high profile keynote speakers who will explore the theme **the future course of modern government**.

IPAA NSW President Peter Achterstraat said that the conference program had been designed by representatives from all levels of government and would combine local, national and international perspectives through a blend of concurrent sessions, panel discussions and keynote presentations.

"The IPAA NSW 2011 State Conference will provide delegates with a unique opportunity to engage with other public sector professionals and discuss the key issues influencing the future of modern governments and the public service. It is expected that the conference will draw 300 plus attendees including decision-makers from all levels and areas of public administration, academia and the private sector," Mr Achterstraat said.

"With the conference nearly booked out, streaming the keynote presentations live to the web will benefit public service professionals in regional areas as well as in other states," Achterstraat added.

Details regarding the IPAA NSW State Conference – including the conference program, how to register, and how to view the footage online – can be found at www.nsw.ipaa.org.au.

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