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Minister for Communications, The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, to open the premier Australasian Spatial Industry Conference

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The Minister for Communications, The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, is confirmed as the opening keynote speaker at the **Locate14** Conference – being held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra 7-9 April.

Malcolm Turnbull is the current Minister for Communications and a Liberal member of the House of Representatives. He was Leader of the Opposition from September 2008 to December 2009 and prior to that was Shadow Treasurer.

Elected to Federal Parliament as the Member for Wentworth in 2004, Malcolm was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister with responsibility for national water policy and in 2007 was appointed to Cabinet as the Minister for Environment and Water Resources.

Malcolm graduated from Sydney University with degrees in Arts and law. He was a Rhodes Scholar and completed a further law degree at Oxford. Malcolm worked as a journalist both in Australia and the United Kingdom before he began legal practice in 1980. He successfully defended the former MI5 agent Peter Wright in his efforts to publish his memoirs, *Spycatcher*.

In 1987 Malcolm established his own investment banking firm and during that time co-founded a number of Australia companies including OzEmail Ltd – Australia's first large internet service provider.

He joined Goldman Sachs & Co in 1997 as Chairman of its Australian business, becoming a partner of the global firm in 1998.

BACKGROUND

Locate14 Conference and Exhibition combines three previous national events – the *spatial@gov* Conference, the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Conference (SSSC) and the Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA) combining to form a single premier Australian and New Zealand industry event.

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