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## Green transport goes on show

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THE transformational impact of technology on the transport sector will drive opportunities for smart local companies, says the Australian Information Industry Association's South Australia chairman Byron Riessen.

"There is a huge opportunity for local technology innovators whose solutions become the engine room for transitioning to low-carbon transport systems," he said.

Mr Riessen was speaking to *The Advertiser* in the lead-up to next week's transport technology forum on *Reducing Our Carbon Footprint*.

The event, on November 23, aims to harness increasing investments by industries such as mining, wine, ICT and defence in transport technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Often there is a gulf between the researchers who come up with technology innovations, the people willing to pay to have their problems solved and the entrepreneurs or middle people, who can use the innovations to produce solutions for specific industries," Mr Riessen said.

"This forum brings all three of these groups together."

On show will be everything from a Queensland supply chain optimisation system that could transform wine industry logistics, through to the latest transport simulations from Japan.

Professor Alex Grant, director of the Institute for Telecommunications Research at the University of South Australia, will showcase vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications.

Local company Sydac will be looking for opportunities to "commercialise some of the research ideas", chief executive Adrian Smith said.



**THE ROAD AHEAD:** Forum participants Byron Riessen, Adrian Smith, Alex Grant and Carolyn Anderson.  
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