



ALC welcomes extension of live travel time technology in NSW

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) today welcomed the NSW Government's announcement that it plans to extend the installation of live travel time technology across all of Sydney's motorways.

"To meet Australia's large and growing national freight task, our major cities need modern and efficient road networks underpinned by 21st century technologies," ALC Chief Executive Officer Michael Kilgariff said.

"The NSW Government's commitment to fast track the roll out of live travel time technology on the M7 and eventually across all Sydney motorways is to be commended.

"Achieving improved supply chain efficiencies relies on a number of factors, including high quality infrastructure, appropriate regulation and modern information communications technology systems.

"Investing in new technologies to provide freight operators with better information about the current road conditions is a sensible step.

"Sydney's major road networks, such as the M5, M7 and M4, are the city's economic arteries, and any blockages mean lost time, missed deadlines, increased congestion and higher costs for freight companies.

"Unfortunately, we have seen a number of incidents on Sydney's roads recently which have had greater flow on effects across Sydney's road network which in turn has impacted upon freight operators.

"Providing them with real time information on road conditions helps them to plan ahead and to put in place contingencies when they're faced with delays from traffic incidents or major road works.

"ALC encourages other jurisdictions to monitor the outcomes from NSW's implementation of live travel time technologies, and to put in place technologies also aimed at improving the efficiency of their road networks."

Mr Kilgariff said the introduction of new technologies can play an important role improving both efficiency and safety on our roads, and to that end, ALC encourages governments to develop policies that support increased productivity and enhanced safety outcomes.

These new technologies include in-vehicle monitoring devices.

"ALC supports the mandatory use of monitoring devices for all heavy vehicles performing long distance work," Mr Kilgariff said.

"These devices, known as telematics, would assist owners and operators better monitor speed and fatigue, with the aim of improving safety and ensuring compliance with fatigue and speed regulations.

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The Australian Logistics Council is the peak national body representing the major and national companies participating in the Australian freight transport and logistics supply chain.