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Government needs to use all available policy tools for National Land Freight Strategy

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) has lodged its response to the Government's National Land Freight Strategy Discussion Paper, in which it calls for immediate action on the national freight effort.

"The success of the National Land Freight Strategy depends on aligning all the policy tools available to government and focusing them on improving national freight performance in a sustainable way," said ALC Chief Executive Michael Kilgariff.

"These tools include planning, management, regulation, pricing and governance.

"If these can be harnessed and integrated then there is a real opportunity to deliver long term on the ground improvements in freight performance," he said.

In its submission ALC also noted that freight often shares substantial sections of the National Network with a far larger passenger demand. The submission states that accordingly, freight performance cannot be separated from overall performance of the network and how effectively passenger demand is managed.

"It is vital that a long-term and coordinated approach is taken to ensure freight and passenger demand and use of the network is effectively planned and managed to maximise performance and safety," said Mr Kilgariff.

"This must include protection of key freight routes.

"The National Land Freight Strategy Discussion Paper goes some way towards the goal of a coordinated approach, for which the Government should be commended.

"However, the Government must now provide the detail as to how it will offer practical assistance in implementing a national strategy rather than high level rhetoric," said Mr. Kilgariff.

Other main points made out in the ALC submission included the establishment of a National Partnership between the States and the Australian Government regarding land use decisions; acceptance of the Discussion Paper's proposal for the need to create regulatory models supporting the identification of infrastructure needs using market based mechanisms' and the need for a single Land Transport Regulator to administer and oversee the National Land Freight Strategy.

To view ALC's submission click here [ALC Response to National Land Freight Strategy](#).

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