



## Over 500 Billion Reasons to Focus on National Infrastructure and a Seamless National Supply Chain

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) has launched the 2011 edition of ***Future Freight Networks – the ALC Yearbook 2011***, declaring there are more than 500 billion reasons behind the ALC focus on nationally significant freight infrastructure and a seamless national supply chain in Australia.

According to Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) figures, Australia's national freight task in 2010 was around 500 billion tonne kilometres per year – a figure which is expected to double to more than 1000 billion tonne kilometres per year by 2030, and almost triple to around 1400 billion freight kilometres per year by 2050.

***Future Freight Networks – the ALC Yearbook 2011*** details how ALC is working on behalf of the freight transport and logistics industry to push for greater efficiencies across Australia's freight supply chains, which are critical to meet Australia's growing freight task", said ALC CEO, Michael Kilgariff.

"The only way Australia can meet its large and growing national freight task is through a long term, future focussed agenda to make our freight supply chains more safe, secure, efficient, sustainable and internationally competitive.

"This means the provision of nationally significant infrastructure as well as implementation of national legislation and regulations that will drive greater efficiencies in the freight and logistics supply chain", said Mr Kilgariff.

***Future Freight Networks*** also reflects the significant changes which have occurred in the industry over the past 12 months.

"ALC is now the only industry-funded body in Australia focussing specifically on effectively representing the interests of the national freight supply chain industry," said Mr Kilgariff.

"We have done this in response to a growing need by major and national companies participating in the freight transport and logistics supply chain to have a single, strong and articulate voice on behalf of their industry in Canberra.

***Future Freight Networks*** embodies how ALC is working with industry and government to achieve this nationally significant goal", Mr Kilgariff said.

The ALC Chairman, Mr Don Telford, also said that governments were increasingly looking for a view that reflects the depth of the transport and logistics industry and the efficiency of the total supply chain.

"The Australian Logistics Council provides one way in which the industry can come together to discuss and articulate the views that all governments need to hear and act upon," Mr Telford said.

***Future Freight Networks*** is an important part of the ALC objective to promote and encourage greater recognition by Government and the community of the importance of the freight transport and logistics industry's contribution to Australia's economy.

Topics covered in the publication include the 2011 ALC Annual Forum, the first ALC/Department of Infrastructure & Transport Dialogue, as well as the many policy issues the ALC has been actively engaged in, including the national port and freight strategies and the implementation of nationally consistent laws and regulations

To obtain a copy of ***Future Freight Networks*** please contact ALC, or alternatively view an on-line edition at the ALC website [www.austlogistics.com.au](http://www.austlogistics.com.au)

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