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ABOUT ALC

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) is the peak national body for Australia's Transport & Logistics (T&L) freight industry.

The aim of ALC is to influence government policy decisions to ensure that Australia has a safe, secure, reliable, sustainable and competitive T&L freight industry.

ALC UPDATE

ALC Update is a free newsletter emailed to all our members and stakeholders on the first Thursday of each month. If you would like to [subscribe/unsubscribe](#), please contact ALC. Know how we can improve ALC Update – we'd love to hear your feedback?

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A SNIPPET FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Participants attending the ALC Forum in Sydney last month were treated to a plethora of challenges and statements on the status quo of the freight Transport & Logistics (T&L) industry as it rises to the needs of surging growth for the rest of this decade and into the 20's.

A wide array of speakers and panels, which included Federal Infrastructure & Transport Minister Anthony Albanese, NTC CEO Nick Dimopoulos, ACCC Chairman Graeme Samuels, and yes.... customers (Woolworths and Coca Cola), and Linfox founder Lindsay Fox etc, all set the scene for "making it happen" by increasing productivity, working together as a nation to provide a better platform of infrastructure utilisation and creation, and developing uniform regulation reforms. The end result being a highly efficient supply chain that is internationally recognised in the global economy.

The Forum demonstrated that ALC should be viewed by government and industry as the primary source of information on T&L freight issues.... The Minister stated that ALC must be a forum "beyond the tired policy debates of the past ". We certainly accept that challenge and will focus on "the positive frame of improving the efficiency and safety of freight supply chains". Freight is a national task and needs to be looked at nationally.

On the lighter side I have just returned from a fascinating sojourn in Vietnam. Whilst holidaying I underwent a study of OHS and congestion problems in that country.....if you think we have problems in this regard, please view the attachments....a masterpiece of invention in livestock cartage....as for



traffic... well the current ratio of people to motorbikes is 2/1....Hanoi has 6m people / 3m bikes , Saigon 8m/4m It takes some adjustment to face the "Wall of death" with hundreds of bikes thundering towards you as you cross the roads ... the sad factor is that there is 10,000 road deaths pa ... very sobering... more next month ...a vital period with the tasks ahead. I look forward to seeing you at the ALC AGM on 27 May in Sydney.

Regards
Ivan Backman, Chairman



CEO UPDATE

WILL 2010 BE THE YEAR OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT?

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd set the freight tone for 2010 when he said in a speech in Adelaide on 20 January 2010 titled *Building Australia's Future: Building 21st Century Infrastructure for a More Productive Economy*, that



"In 2010, the transport priority for the Council of Australian Governments will be freight transport."

As the Prime Minister said, the freight task

"will require a massive effort – companies will have to improve transport and logistics strategies and efficiencies, and governments will have to undertake substantial new investment and policy reform".

ALC has made its policy position clear in a submission to Infrastructure Australia in March on the National Freight Plan titled 'A Seamless Economy - A Seamless Supply Chain'.

However, between a special Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting dealing with the funding of hospitals and the hurly burly of an election year, it is possible that focus on The Year of Freight Transport (TYOFT) will be lost.

The Prime Minister's area of focus is therefore correct; but how should TYOFT pan out?

There are a number of initiatives that could be undertaken now by the COAG and Transport ministers of the Australian Transport Council (ATC) to ensure ongoing regulatory reform of the Australian transport and logistics (T&L) industry.

- » Release of the Henry Review into Taxation, which recommends reforms to road funding and transport taxes, including a reference to 'mass distance location' pricing. This will inform the process of developing harmonised road pricing rules (the

COAG Road Reform Plan) and the development of a national transport policy framework.

- » Development of the national heavy vehicle regulatory framework and agreement on issues such as vehicle regulation, safe load regulation, driver licensing and road taxes.
- » National consistency of Chain of Responsibility (CoR) laws, which are based on the model Road Transport Reform (Compliance and Enforcement) Bill; developed by the National Transport Commission.
- » Development of a national, holistic regulatory framework across all modes and nodes of freight transport, all state boundaries and all areas of regulation. The aim should be to drive a seamless supply chain across Australia's freight transport & logistics industry.
- » COAG should agree that state, territory and local governments make land-use decisions that advance the freight effort over other possible land uses. This would encourage the development of intermodal freight hubs.
- » Develop processes to improve the transfer of information along the T&L supply chain, enabling the holistic management of the intermodal chain and thus efficiency.

Progressing these initiatives would ensure 2010 will be remembered as The Year of Freight Transport.

Michael Kilgariff
Chief Executive Officer

ALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALC Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Logistics Council will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 27 May 2010
Time: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Venue: Level 47
 MLC Centre
 19 Martin Place
 Sydney NSW 2001

Only Financial Members will be eligible to vote and nominate/second prospective Directors for the ALC Board. Nominations for Directors must be received by COB 22 May, as per Clause 3.3 of the ALC Constitution.

A copy of the ALC Constitution is at www.austlogistics.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=109&Itemid=248

The new ALC Board will meet immediately following the AGM to:

- » Elect a new Chairman and two Deputy Chairs.
- » Appoint Chairs of the following Board sub-Committees:
 - Membership & Finance Sub-Committee
 - Infrastructure Sub-Committee
 - Regulation Sub-Committee
 - Customer Sub-Committee



CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has announced that the national heavy vehicle regulator will be based in Brisbane. The development of the heavy vehicle regulatory framework is also an opportune time to provide a nationally consistent approach to Chain of Responsibility (CoR) legislation.

COAG has agreed to resolve a number of policy, legislation, governance and funding issues in the implementation stage of the national heavy vehicle regulator. ALC understands this may involve the adoption of legislation and/or regulations relating to CoR, based on the National Transport Commission (NTC) model Road Transport Reform (Compliance and Enforcement) Bill.

CoR is intended to drive greater accountability along the freight transport & logistics (T&L) supply chain. However the way CoR has been implemented means

there is increasing divergence by Governments in applying CoR, which makes it difficult for T&L companies with national supply chains to develop a nationally consistent approach to compliance.

ALC supports and encourages compliance with CoR through the National Logistics Safety Code (NLSC) and the Retail Logistics Supply Chain (RLSC) Code of Conduct. Further information on NLSC and RLSC is available at the ALC website.

RLSC was developed initially and specifically for all parties in the retail supply chain in order for them to better manage their legal obligations in relation to both Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) and CoR. RLSC was launched in November 2006 by ALC and foundation signatories; Woolworths, Coles, Metcash, Toll and Linfox. Since then, the number of signatories has grown substantially to over 40 key industry companies.

In April 2009, ALC launched NLSC which recognises that safety is a supply chain issue rather than an individual transport modal issue.

“ over 40 key industry companies”

In terms of Compliance and Enforcement provisions of any national approach to CoR, ALC has made a submission recently to Infrastructure Australia on the National Freight Network Plan that a logistics participant who follows the NLSC Code should be taken to have satisfied national CoR legislation.

ALC will be communicating industry issues to transport ministers and departments of transport over the application of CoR in the context of the national heavy vehicle regulatory framework. More in next issue of ALC Update.

SMART INFRASTRUCTURE AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the inaugural *Australian Smart Infrastructure Awards* for innovative, technology-driven solutions to infrastructure bottlenecks and urban congestion.

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese announced the new annual awards, to be hosted by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia.

The awards will recognise project excellence in design, delivery, and use of infrastructure in any of *Infrastructure Australia's* national priority areas, including the rail freight, water and urban development:

- » The *Australian Smart Infrastructure Project Award* will go to an innovative technology based project.
- » The *Australian Smart Infrastructure Research Award* will provide a \$25,000 grant for an innovative proposal supporting excellence in smart infrastructure research and development.

Applications are open until Friday 14 May 2010. Further information at www.infrastructure.org.au/Content/SmartInfrastructureAwards.aspx



ASIO REPORT ON EXPLOSIVES TERRORISM

The ASIO Business Liaison Unit has recently produced a Business Security Report entitled “*Threat to Australia's Domestic Security From Explosives Terrorism*” (BSR003/10).

The document is available from the BLU Website: www.blu.asio.gov.au



PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPLY CHAIN DIGITAL MAGAZINE

31 March 2010



FOC Promotional Opportunity in Supply Chain Digital Magazine

Dear ALC Members

ALC has linked up with White Digital Media, publishers of Supply Chain Digital Magazine, to produce an editorial feature on the Australian Logistics Council.

As part of this, ALC members have the opportunity to be featured (for FREE!) in one of Supply Chain Digital's available corporate profiles.

The corporate profiles will include a minimum 6 pages on your organisation, with images, your company logo, and a hyperlink to your website.

The article will appear in the May issue of Supply Chain Digital, but will also stay live on their website for 12 months. The article will include an overview of the association, comments from key members and of course, the corporate profiles on individual members.

The publication is targeted at business executives including senior managers, directors and executives across various industry sectors. Circulation numbers are 355,000 worldwide and 100,000 in the Australia. However, individual web hits from first time readers is far greater, with a database of roughly 500,000 industry executives.

There are a limited number of opportunities so if you are interested in taking up this offer please contact **Heather Babcock at h.babcock@whitedm.com or on 0011 (1) 760 827 7820.**

The deadline for information is 12 April 2010 so please contact Heather ASAP to register your interest.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL KILGARIFF
Chief Executive Officer



ALC 2010 ANNUAL FORUM

The 2010 ALC Annual Forum was held on 2-3 March in Sydney, with the theme 'Driving a Seamless Supply Chain'.

The 2010 Forum proved to be a great success with prominent T&L leaders including:

- » The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
- » Paul McClintock – CoAG Reform Council
- » Lindsay Fox AC – Linfox

- » Nick Dimopoulos – National Transport Commission
- » Helen Newell – Asciano Ltd
- » Graeme Samuel – ACCC

Along with the impressive range of presenters, ALC launched the [Australian Logistics Council Strategic Plan - 2010-2011](#).

Some of the presentations from the ALC Annual Forum 2010 can be downloaded from

[CLICK HERE](#)

THINK FUTURE SMART INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

ALC attended the Smart Infrastructure Conference on Friday 12 March 2010 at Parliament House. ALC was represented on the Panel in the Transport Workshop reviewing "Benefits and challenges of integrating smart technology into existing infrastructure".

The Conference was held as part of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Inquiry into Smart Infrastructure.

For more information on the Smart Infrastructure Inquiry see: www.aph.gov.au/House/committee/itrdlg/smartinfrastructure/index.htm.

Forum 2011

A SEAMLESS SUPPLY CHAIN

ALC 2011 ANNUAL FORUM – MELBOURNE 1-2 MARCH 2011

The 9th ALC Annual Forum will be held in Melbourne on 1 - 2 March 2011 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. It is the premier event for T&L leaders and decision makers to join together to set the direction for the industry in the next year and all are welcome.

Make sure that you don't miss out by becoming a sponsor or exhibitor of the event. A Sponsorship Proposal will be released shortly.

Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities

Types of sponsorship available

- » Platinum
- » Silver
- » Annual Dinner
- » Industry Reception
- » Satchels
- » Lanyards
- » Trade Exhibition
- » Gold
- » Bronze

Please contact

Natasha Diduk, Office & Event Manager, on 02 6260 4915 or Natasha.diduk@auslogistics.com.au for further details

PERFORMANCE BASED STANDARDS

The National Transport Commission has released a draft Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on Performance Based Standards (PBS),

The RIS examines several options for improving participation in the PBS scheme and providing certainty of access for higher productivity vehicles (SMART trucks) on Australian road networks. [More...](#)

To read and comment on the draft Regulatory Impact Statement please visit the NTC website

[CLICK HERE](#)



THE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN 2010

The Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council has released the 2010 Environmental Scan, which reflects a business environment that is gradually emerging from the global financial crisis (GFC). The report states that the T&L Industry will require significant levels of new and retrained staff to cope with the expected growth in freight movements over the coming decades.

The e-scan provides contemporary and projected advice on the condition of Transport and Logistics sectors, their workforce planning and development needs and, in particular, their projected reliance on the national training system in the next 12 months. Key messages from the e-scan include:

- » Availability of a skilled workforce at the right time and in the right place.
- » Transport and Logistics labour movements during resource and construction booms.
- » Maintenance and improvement of Training Packages.
- » Integrating national regulation into the National Training System.

The Environmental Scan discusses the impact of the latest data about industry trends and workforce planning issues that are likely to affect the skill requirements of the Transport and Logistics workforce in the coming year.

To view the eScan online

[CLICK HERE](#)

or to download a PDF

[CLICK HERE](#)

AIR CARGO SECURITY

Parliament has approved new laws strengthening the security regime applying to air cargo, implementing measures outlined in the Government's Aviation White Paper and the Aviation Security package.

The new laws allow parcels and other freight to be security checked and certified earlier in the supply chain, at a time when they are less consolidated.

Previously, parcels could only be checked by aircraft operators when it was certain they were being transported by air, meaning an operator may have to certify a large consolidated shipment packed by someone else earlier in the supply chain.

The new laws were part of the *Aviation Transport Security Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009*.

ENTERPRISE BASED PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Government has released additional places after the first round of EBPPP for the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council to manage. Over \$25 million has been set aside for this program and the Skills Council is seeking interest from additional enterprise/associations wishing to apply through the second round.

This initiative is available for enrolment into a full qualification only.

The qualifications eligible for this initiative range from Certificate III to Advanced Diploma level. If you

believe that your enterprise could benefit from accessing some of these places, please contact the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council.

These places are being made available to the following groups:

- » Small to Medium Enterprises
- » Professional Associations and Industry Bodies
- » Enterprise and businesses with multi state operations.

Click on the link below to access the guidelines for this opportunity.

www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/ProductivityPlaces/Documents/EBPPP_Guidelines.pdf



FAREWELL DINNER FOR IVAN BACKMAN

ALC Chairman, Ivan Backman, has indicated he will not be seeking re-election as a Director or Chairman of ALC at the 2010 AGM. A Dinner for Ivan Backman will be held on the night of the AGM, 27 May. Further details to be advised.



WOMEN MOVING FORWARD

ALC is launching Women Moving Forward in 2010.

The WMF program has been designed to meet the needs of women in the Transport & Logistics (T&L) industry living and working in urban, rural, regional and remote Australia.

Since August 2008, the ALC has run the WMF program. WMF has been very successful with over 150 women from around the country participating.

WMF is run as a 10 week interactive mentoring program, involving personal and professional development. For further information please contact ALC.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Government has established a Task Group on Energy Efficiency to report to the Prime Minister by mid-2010 on options to deliver a step change improvement in Australia's energy efficiency by 2020.

ALC has been invited to participate in one of four invitation only stakeholder workshops being conducted during April 2010.

Further information on the Prime Minister's Task Group on Energy Efficiency is available from the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency website at www.climatechange.gov.au. The website also contains details on how to make a Submission to the Issues Paper which closes on 3 May 2010.

ALC WORKSHOP ON FUTURE IN SUPPLY CHAINS 2020

The Future in Supply Chains Workshop was held in Melbourne on Thursday 25 March, hosted by global consultants, Capgemini.

The aim of the Workshop was to develop robust and effective arrangements for the industry that identify, endorse and advocate solutions to federal strategic issues. The aim is to promote a sustainable, capable and productive future for transport and logistics.

The basis for the project is the *Future in Supply Chains 2016*, which has been adopted as a template for broader work in Australia, because it goes beyond the notion of compliance with government regulation and environmental legislation (now and likely in the future), and examines a positive set of business models for sustainability in supply chain management.

Further information soon.

ALC ANNUAL YEARBOOK

In conjunction with Executive Media Pty Ltd, ALC is producing a 2010 annual Yearbook. The Yearbook will be a comprehensive source of information for industry members, providing valuable insight into the policies, priorities and projects of the ALC and case studies on the importance of logistics to the Australian economic and social fabric.

The ALC Yearbook provides a unique opportunity to reach the key decision makers within the highest levels of industry and government. I encourage you to discuss an advertising package with Executive Media.