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ALC Forum 2016 Communique

The logistics industry will have to attract broad community support if it is to achieve regulatory reform and approval for major infrastructure projects, according to speakers at the [Australian Logistics Council Forum 2016](#), held last week in Sydney.

More than 250 people attended Australia's premier freight logistics and supply chain event, with senior figures from across industry and government emphasising the need for action across a range of fronts to improve the efficiency of Australia's supply chains.

The ALC Forum 2016 had a particular focus on improving freight efficiency in New South Wales, where the state's freight task is expected to double by 2030.

During his opening of the Forum, new ALC Chairman, Ian Murray, stressed the need to ensure Australia has the right infrastructure in place, operating efficiently, to underpin the continued growth of the logistics sector and of the Australian economy.

Key Forum points:

- Industry and government need to step up their efforts to work together to progress heavy vehicle road reforms to achieve more efficient freight movements
- Work needs to be done to convince the public of the benefits of logistics investment and reform, particularly to ports' landside infrastructure, to underpin continued economic growth and community wellbeing
- Corridor preservation must feature more prominently in jurisdictions' long-term planning documents, with a greater buy-in from all levels of government
- Improving rail access to Australia's major ports, as well as their linkages to key inland intermodal facilities, is critical to increasing port capacity and decreasing road congestion in our major cities
- Industry and government need to work closer together to improve the efficient delivery of parcels in CBD areas brought about by the growth in e-retailing
- The inland rail line has to be built, with efficient connections to the ports in Melbourne and Brisbane, to support Australia's future freight effort and to move north-south freight out of the Sydney basin
- Practical steps need to be taken to maximise the economic and environmental benefits of an efficient maritime freight sector
- ALC to take a leadership role to increase diversity and inclusion in the logistics industry
- ALC to consult with regulators on behalf of industry on proposed changes to Chain of Responsibility provisions contained within the Heavy Vehicle National Law
- Opportunities exist to increase the efficiency of air freight movements at Sydney Airport

The Forum also saw the launch of new [Australian Transport Standards for Freight Labelling and EDI](#) developed by the ALC Supply Chain Standards Work Group for the Australian Transport & Logistics Industry.

The Australian Transport Standards include the ALC endorsed [Australian Freight Labelling Guideline and Australian Transport EDI User Guides](#) to provide one common label format to identify freight and one common file format to exchange data throughout the freight transportation process.

Outgoing ALC Chairman, Don Telford, who chaired ALC for five years between 2010 and 2016, paid tribute to ALC Board members, past and present, for the role they have played in growing the organisation.

“Together, we have implemented some strategic initiatives to ensure ALC became an organisation that could represent the major ASX-listed and privately owned companies in the Australian logistics industry,” he said.

Links:

- [ALC Forum 2016 opening video](#)
- [Speech](#) by Ian Murray AM, ALC Chairman
- [Speech](#) by Don Telford, Outgoing ALC Chairman
- [ALC Annual Report 2015-2016](#)
- [Media release](#): Launch of new transport and freight labelling standards embrace the rise of the automated supply chain
- [Transcript of speech](#) by the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects
- [Transcript of address](#) by the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Transport

[Select photos are now available](#). Additional photos will be uploaded soon.

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