



ALC Urges Political Parties to 'Get the Supply Chain Right'

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) is encouraging Australia's next Government to act on a number of important economic reforms and infrastructure projects to 'Get the Supply Chain Right'.

"[Getting the Supply Chain Right](#), ALC's 2016 election priorities document, identifies what needs to be done at the federal level to improve the efficiency and safety of Australia's supply chains," said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

"This election represents an important opportunity for the next Federal Government to act on a number of key reforms and infrastructure projects which are crucial to supporting Australia's economic and social prosperity.

"ALC is challenging the next Government of Australia to act on six key areas which have been identified as high priorities by Australia's logistics industry," he said.

They are:

- Getting the Structure Right
- Getting Planning Right
- Getting Rail Right
- Getting Road Pricing Right
- Getting Road Safety Right
- Getting Technology Right

"Chief among these is ensuring Infrastructure Australia has the resources necessary to develop a comprehensive National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy to underpin future actions and reforms across the logistics industry.

"The development of a long term plan that incorporates the various, interlinked components of our national and international supply chains is fundamental to supporting Australia's future economic growth.

"As part of this, we need leadership at the federal level to establish effective corridor protection mechanisms to ensure the timely preservation of freight corridors and strategic sites for future infrastructure," he said.

Mr Kilgariff said the concept of corridor preservation underpins another ALC recommendation – the need to ensure Badgerys Creek remains curfew free.

"A 24-hour a day airport in western Sydney, which can operate as efficiently as possible, is critical to supporting Australian exporters and maximising the opportunities this important new facility can ultimately deliver," he said.

"ALC is encouraging all political parties to acknowledge the enormous economic benefits that will flow from having a curfew-free airport and to make their future policy decisions on the airport's operation accordingly.

"Continued support for the nationally significant Inland Rail Project is also high on our list, with an emphasis on ensuring there are efficient end-to-end connections from the rail line to key ports and intermodal facilities.

"[Getting the Supply Chain Right](#) also encourages Australia's next Government to work with industry to support innovative technologies that will improve workplace efficiency and safety.

"These technologies include cutting-edge rail technologies to support the efficient movement of freight and the deployment of mandatory telematics in heavy vehicles to track such things as speed and fatigue.

"The introduction of mandatory telematics has the potential to deliver significant safety benefits for road users and must be the focus of the next Government, rather than re-establishing the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal," he concluded.

[Click here](#) to read [Getting the Supply Chain Right](#), or [click here](#) for an eight-page summary.
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