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Australia's Leading Freight Logistics Industry Event Is Underway

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has welcomed more than 280 delegates representing all parts of the supply chain to Sydney's Royal Randwick this morning, for the commencement of [ALC Forum 2018](#).

"This year's Forum comes at a crucial time for this industry, as the Federal Government continues work on the development of the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#), ahead of its expected release in November," ALC Managing Director Michael Kilgariff noted in his opening remarks.

"The outcomes from our discussions will be crucial in shaping the development of the Strategy, as we move beyond examining what it needs to contain, and consider the more complex issue of how to ensure it delivers the right outcomes for our industry and economy."

The opening [video](#) set the scene for Forum, outlining many of the key issues that will be discussed and debated by attendees during panel sessions over the next two days.

The opening keynote address was delivered by NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, who set out the NSW Government's plan for enhancing freight infrastructure, including details of the [NSW Draft Freight & Ports Plan](#), currently open for industry and community comment.

During the first panel session, attendees were provided with first-hand insights from three members of the [Expert Panel](#) advising the Inquiry into National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities about some of the major issues they identified, and discussed what industry's next steps should be.

"Industry's challenge now is to maintain momentum and build community support, so we can achieve the policy reforms Australia requires to meet a growing freight task," Mr Kilgariff said.

"Later today, Forum will also hear from other leading political decision-makers, including the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP.

"ALC is especially pleased to also be hosting the new Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon. Michael McCormack MP, who will make his first major address in relation to his new portfolio responsibilities during the ALC Annual Dinner this evening."

"The [agenda](#) for the remainder of ALC Forum 2018 will examine industry priorities and opportunities in detail, and the outcomes of the discussions will form the basis of ALC's advocacy agenda over the months ahead, as we work to ensure the Strategy that ultimately emerges is an effective one," he concluded.

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