

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NSW Ports Environmental Incentive Displays Industry Leadership**

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has applauded today's [announcement](#) by [NSW Ports](#) that it will introduce an environmental incentive to apply to vessel charges at Port Botany and Port Kembla in NSW.

Scheduled to be implemented from 1 January 2019, the initiative represents an Australian first, and will reward companies that use vessels with a better air emissions performance by providing a discount on vessel-related charges levied by NSW Ports.

"This is a clear sign that the freight logistics industry is committed to achieving better environmental outcomes, and is prepared to lead the way without the need to impose additional regulation," said ALC Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff.

"Port Botany and Port Kembla are two of the most significant trading ports in the nation, and this initiative by NSW Ports shows leadership by recognising that the industry must do all it can to promote environmentally responsible outcomes in a manner that will still allow Australia to meet its growing freight task."

"As the outcomes of [ALC Forum 2018](#) showed, industry understands the crucial importance of the freight logistics sector maintaining the social license it needs to operate effectively."

"Today's announcement sends a very clear signal to the community that this industry is prepared to step up of its own volition and work to reduce the environmental impact of its core activities."

"It also demonstrates that industry itself is able to effectively develop and implement solutions that will improve environmental outcomes, without the need for legislative action."

"This is something all governments should bear in mind in policy-making, particularly as we continue developing the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#) in the months leading to its release in November," he concluded.

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