

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **IA's Infrastructure Decision-making Principles Will Build Confidence**

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has enthusiastically welcomed the [Infrastructure Decision-making Principles](#) released by [Infrastructure Australia](#) (IA) today as a vital contribution to enhancing transparency and accountability in decision-making around major infrastructure projects.

As IA's CEO Philip Davies notes in his [opinion piece](#), it is essential that governments at all levels embrace these principles, to *"give the community a clear set of expectations with which to hold decision-makers to account."*

"ALC has been a steadfast supporter of IA's independent efforts to ensure that infrastructure development in Australia is subject to rigorous, evidence-based assessments, and that projects ultimately deliver the best economic and social outcomes for the community," said ALC Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff.

"The Infrastructure Decision-making Principles IA has published today offer all governments a way to meaningfully engage with the community about long-term infrastructure plans, and make sure infrastructure investment is targeted towards those projects that address long-term challenges and deliver the greatest possible economic dividend."

"The principles released today build on IA's significant body of work that will help to promote greater supply chain efficiency and safety."

"This includes recommending the development of a comprehensive [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#), and promoting the adoption of a nationally-consistent approach to [corridor protection](#)," Mr Kilgariff said.

"Today's announcement by IA is also consistent with key recommendations contained in [Freight Doesn't Vote](#), ALC's submission to the *Inquiry into National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities*, as well as our recent Discussion Paper, [Laying the Foundation](#)."

"Like other industries, the freight logistics industry needs to maintain its social licence to operate. Maintaining community confidence about the ability of major freight infrastructure projects to deliver the right outcomes forms an essential part of that."

"IA's Infrastructure Decision-making Principles offer all governments a clear pathway for achieving that outcome – and they should be adopted by policy-makers across all jurisdictions," he concluded.

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