

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NSW Freight & Ports Plan Will Help Industry Deliver**

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says that the [NSW Freight & Ports Plan](#) released today will help to improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement in NSW, and achieves progress on policy reforms that the freight logistics industry has long called for.

The Plan was unveiled by the NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime & Freight, Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, during an ALC event in Sydney this afternoon.

“We are pleased that the Plan announced by the Minister today touches on many of the issues ALC and industry have long advocated as priority actions,” said ALC Interim CEO, Lachlan Benson.

“The Plan also recognises the need to give freight more prominent consideration in planning policy, and in particular, to protect remaining industrial lands in order to meet a growing freight task. As part of this, ALC encourages the NSW Government to specifically zone areas as logistics lands, so that they can be afforded the 24/7 operational flexibility the industry requires.”

“The commitment to develop a Heavy Vehicle Safety Strategy in partnership with industry that encourages take-up of safety technologies is also a positive, as is the development of a rest stop framework to assist decision making around the provision and management of rest stops for heavy vehicles.”

“The Plan clearly accounts for the increasingly important role data will play in enhanced supply chain efficiency and the need to encourage data sharing in the industry. ALC hopes NSW will support efforts to establish a consistent national data standard, so that different systems in the supply chain are able to communicate with each other efficiently.”

“Finally, ALC welcomes the Plan’s focus on enhanced connectivity between Port Botany and the surrounding motorway network. We urge the NSW Government prioritise the completion of a business case that ensures the Sydney Gateway planning incorporates direct heavy vehicle access for the adjacent Cooks River Intermodal Terminal while not impeding its current and future critical port rail operations.”

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