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NSW Heavy Vehicle Access Framework Welcomed

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says that the [NSW Heavy Vehicle Access Policy Framework](#) released today is a positive step towards enhancing the efficiency and safety of freight movement on the state's road network.

“The announcement from the NSW Government today is a key element of the [NSW Freight & Ports Plan 2018-2023](#), which was publicly released during an ALC event in Sydney earlier this week,” said ALC Interim CEO, Lachlan Benson.

“The approach set out in this Framework will make it easier for the NSW road network to accommodate modern, safer Performance Based Standards (PBS) vehicles, which can carry more freight and can help to reduce congestive pressures in the road network, particularly around key freight facilities such as Port Botany and the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal.”

“This Framework will benefit freight logistics operators by providing clarity on the NSW Government's approach, which will help them to make prudent long-term investment decisions with respect to PBS vehicles.”

“Similarly, an approach that allows access on a network basis will help to reduce the regulatory burden and frustration faced by many operators day-to-day when dealing with a sometimes cumbersome and inconsistent permit-based approach.”

“As the Federal Government develops a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy for the next 20 years, ensuring our road networks can accommodate vehicles that permit higher productivity will be critical in meeting a rapidly growing freight task and addressing road congestion.”

“The vision set out by NSW today is one that would not just benefit NSW, but make a significant contribution to national supply chain efficiency and safety. Freight does not stop at state borders.”

“As work on the National Strategy continues, ALC hopes that other jurisdictions will take a similarly forward-looking approach when reviewing their own access regimes, so that Australia can benefit from greater national consistency in this critical area.”

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