

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Progress On Sydney Gateway Welcomed**

The <u>Australian Logistics Council</u> (ALC) has welcomed the announcement of progress on the Sydney Gateway project, including confirmation that the new road links constructed as part of the project will be toll-free.

"ALC has long been on the public record calling for clarity around the details of this muchneeded infrastructure project, which will help enhance the efficient and safe movement of freight in Australia's largest city," said ALC Chair Philip Davies.

"Yesterday's announcement by the NSW Government will help to provide some of the certainty freight logistics operators have been seeking as to how the Sydney Gateway will interact with key freight facilities, including Sydney Airport and Port Botany."

"The duplication of the freight rail line at Port Botany will be especially crucial to allow a growing Sydney to meet its future freight task."

"As part of achieving greater efficiency in container movement, it will be particularly important to ensure the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal, which is the largest empty container storage facility in NSW, has direct access to the Sydney Gateway."

"It will be imperative to make certain that construction of the route does not significantly impede this Terminal's crucial port and intermodal related operations."

"It is also important that connectivity to Port Botany be enhanced beyond Sydney Gateway by addressing capacity constraints of General Holmes Drive and connectivity from Foreshore Rd to the M5 East."

"The Sydney Gateway will undoubtedly help to alleviate road congestion around one of Australia's busiest freight precincts. To that end, yesterday's announcement will be welcomed by freight logistics operators and the wider community."

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