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Inland Rail PPP Announcement A Positive Step

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has welcomed today's [announcement](#) by the Federal Government that progress is being made in delivering the most complex section of the Inland Rail alignment, from Gowrie to Kagaru in Queensland.

"The opening of Registrations of Interest for a Public Private Partnership (PPP) to deliver this critical section of Inland Rail is a positive development for this critical freight infrastructure project," said ALC Interim CEO, Lachlan Benson.

"The Gowrie to Kagaru section of the route will be an especially intricate aspect of the Inland Rail, involving 8.9 kilometres of major tunnelling, which will see the largest diameter diesel freight tunnel in the Southern Hemisphere constructed through the Toowoomba Ranges."

"ALC has consistently supported the use of PPPs in the delivery of major infrastructure projects, and the involvement of the private sector together with the Federal Government and the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) in the construction of Inland Rail is especially welcome."

"As the success of the [Inland Rail Conference](#) hosted by ALC and the Australasian Railway Association in Parkes this year showed, there is an enormous appetite among private companies and investors to be a part of this historic project. We expect to host an equally successful event in Toowoomba in 2019."

"Partnering with the private sector will help to drive innovations in terms of project delivery, and support further investment in other much-needed freight infrastructure along the route."

"This includes investment in intermodal terminals, as well as the ultimate delivery of a dedicated freight rail connection from the Inland Rail route right through to the Port of Brisbane."

"Inland Rail will be absolutely vital in helping Australia to meet our growing freight task by alleviating congestion on key road transport corridors, supporting more rapid movement of freight through our supply chains and helping Australian exporters get their goods to market more quickly."

"Today's announcement is a welcome step towards the delivery of this transformational freight infrastructure project, which will be an essential component of an effective [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#)."

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