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ALC Highlights Federal Election Priorities

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has today released its priorities for Australia's freight logistics industry ahead of the federal election.

[Freight: Delivering Opportunity For Australia](#) identifies 39 priority actions for the incoming Federal Government to pursue that address challenges and opportunities relevant to all modes of freight transport.

"The priorities ALC is releasing today have been identified by industry participants as critical to improving the efficiency and safety of Australia's supply chains, and meeting a growing freight task," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"With our industry having received a [bipartisan commitment](#) to finalise the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#), the first priority for whichever party wins on 18 May must be to work with state and territory governments to finalise and implement action plans that will ensure the Strategy delivers for industry."

"In that context, the priorities ALC is now putting forward will help to bolster the effectiveness of that Strategy by addressing some of the long-term infrastructure, investment and regulatory issues that act as an impediment to a seamless national freight network."

"Enhanced supply chain performance is not a niche issue. Every individual Australian relies on freight every day, no matter where they live. If we are going to meet the challenges that arise from a growing population and changing consumer expectations around rapid delivery, it will be necessary to implement the sorts of reforms ALC has set out today."

"The priorities that ALC has identified touch on a range of issues, including a more consistent national approach to planning and investing in freight infrastructure, enhancing the productivity of our road and rail networks through regulatory reform and strengthening our export performance through enhanced freight infrastructure in Northern Australia."

"There are also suggestions for improving the industry's environmental performance by encouraging uptake of electric freight vehicles, ensuring the industry is able to access data that will allow more effective monitoring and measurement of supply chain performance, improving the wider community's understanding of this industry and enhancing its ability to interact safely with freight vehicles."

"While many of these reforms will be challenging, they are absolutely essential to securing Australia's continued economic success and creating more liveable communities."

“Although this reform agenda must be led by whichever party forms government, success will ultimately depend on cooperation and collaboration with all members of the 46th Parliament. It is important that all parliamentarians recognise that responsibility, whatever their political stripe.”

“To that end, ALC will seek to work closely with all political parties in the next Parliament to secure these policy reforms, and implement a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy that allows this industry to keep delivering for all Australians.”

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