



Five Steps to Deliver Improved Supply Chain Efficiency in NSW

Australian Logistics Council (ALC) Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff, today told delegates at the NSW Transport Infrastructure Summit that it was time to deliver on five key initiatives to improve supply chain efficiency in the state, particularly in Sydney.

“Sydney is the most critical link in Australia’s domestic and international supply chains, with most of our freight either originating, passing through or ending up in Sydney,” said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

“When Sydney doesn’t work, Australia doesn’t work and the implications hit the freight logistics industry up and down the supply chain.

“Today I outlined five key measures to regain NSW’s position as the ‘premier state for freight’ and in so doing, improve productivity, efficiency and safety in the industry.

“Firstly, ALC would like to see the timely release of the Final NSW Freight and Port Strategy to improve freight efficiency in the state.

“The draft strategy was released nearly nine months ago and industry is eagerly anticipating the release of the final strategy to provide greater certainty to industry.

“The release of the draft strategy last year was an important step – the challenge now is to build upon its draft recommendations and to put in place concrete measures that improve network capacity, reliability and sustainability.

“Second, we encourage the NSW Government to progress a trial of High Productivity Vehicles on the Hume Highway.

“High Productivity Vehicles allow more freight to be moved using fewer vehicles and despite some misconceptions, they are safer, more reliable and cleaner than traditional heavy vehicles that have been used over the years.

“A Hume Highway trial was highlighted in the National Land Freight Strategy as a priority and we look forward to governments undertaking it.

“Third, we call on both state and federal governments to progress a second airport in Sydney at Badgery’s Creek.

“A second Sydney airport simply cannot stay in the too-hard basket and ALC is calling on whichever party wins the forthcoming federal election to move ahead on this issue in Australia’s national interest.

“A second airport is needed in Sydney to add price competition to the Sydney air freight market; to meet rising levels of demand and to address congestion issues around Kingsford Smith.

“Four, ALC encourages the expeditious development of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal.

“Moorebank is a priority infrastructure project and its timely development is critical to boosting efficiency and increasing productivity in the Sydney freight market.

“ALC would like to see the entire site developed ‘englobo’ using a whole of precinct approach that maximises the value of this valuable infrastructure asset.

“Five, ALC encourages the NSW Government to invest money raised from recycled infrastructure assets into logistics infrastructure to further improve freight productivity.

“ALC congratulates the NSW Government on the steps it has taken to recycle infrastructure assets, such as Port Botany and Port Kembla, and we encourage it to use the proceeds from future recycled assets to invest in logistics infrastructure,” he said.

Mr Kilgariff’s speech ‘*Investing in infrastructure to improve supply chain efficiency*’ is available on the [ALC website](#).

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