



National Freight Network Strategy

Concepts discussion overview

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Welcome

Y Purpose:

- background
- process to date
- concepts overview

Background

ÿ Who are we?

- Infrastructure Australia
- National Transport Commission

ÿ What are we doing?

- national freight network strategy / plan

ÿ Why?

- year of freight
- step 2, after ports
- bedrock for national transport

Process to date

Y Research

- NTC supply chains & rail productivity
- highways & general rail (internal/external Nov 2009)

Y Concepts

- road governance (Allen Consulting Aug 2009)
- Australian Tax Review (to Dec 2010)
- criteria (Allen Consulting Mar 2010)

Y Consultation

- expert reference group (Aug-Sep 2009)
- ARA hosted forum (Jan 2010)
- general submissions to Infrastructure Australia (2008-2010)
- specific submissions to Infrastructure Australia (Mar 2010)
- informal concepts discussions with logistics councils (Feb-May 2010)
- customers (Apr 2010)
- jurisdictions initial concepts (May 2010)

Y Reality check rail

- Indec Consulting (Jan-Apr 2010)

Themes from consultation

- Most would like some national freight network
- There are different ideas as what it should be
 - but it is clear we do not have it today
- Concerns:
 - being left off network / no say
 - city planning
 - road or rail?
 - ad hoc decisions

Concepts

- 1. 20 year plan: operations for economic & social aims**
- 2. national, freight, network**
- 3. infrastructure pipeline**
- 4. customer involvement**
- 5. access and improvement regime**

Results of concepts - theory

1. **Seamless network** for general freight **customers**
2. **Intermodal** with coordinated long term planning
3. **Interconnected** to major settlements' ports
4. **Interoperable** at efficient general freight vehicle sizes
5. Positive impact on **amenity, sustainability, safety**
6. **Transparent** data, decision making
7. Customers **pay for rights**
8. **Rights of connection** from State strategic zones
9. **Progress measured & publicly reported**

Results of concepts – some practicals

- ÿ Consistent with ports strategy
- ÿ Maps of future and current network
 - highly visible
- ÿ Pipeline of projects
 - complementary rail, road, terminal
 - options protected now eg. precincts, corridors, gradients
- ÿ Publication of State strategy documents
- ÿ Customers influence decisions & timing of improvement
- ÿ Infrastructure Australia oversight & public reporting

National Freight Network

- ÿ Now exploring some details with government advisers
 - ÿ Infrastructure Australia/ NTC can initiate
 - ÿ But customers must insist on and drive reform
- ÿ Thank you.