



Warren Truss Retirement

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) pays tribute to outgoing Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister, Warren Truss, who announced his retirement today.

“Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss has made a substantial contribution to the freight logistics industry over his many years as the relevant minister in the Howard, Abbott and Turnbull Governments,” said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

“He is one of our longest serving ministers with responsibility for the transport and infrastructure portfolio, and during his tenure he has displayed a strong commitment to delivering the road and rail links Australia needs to keep our economy strong, particularly in rural and regional Australia.

“Mr Truss’s understanding of the significant contribution efficient supply chains make to the economy has underpinned the Government’s strong investment commitment to the logistics sector, which ALC has valued.

“In particular, we have welcomed his support for inland rail, Sydney’s second airport, and the Moorebank intermodal freight terminal, and we anticipate these important projects receiving ongoing financial support from Government.

“ALC has also valued his ongoing commitment to Infrastructure Australia which was established by the former Labor Government.

“The onus is on his successor to take forward the recommendations Infrastructure Australia makes in its 15-year Infrastructure Plan.

“ALC thanks him for his contribution to the sector and wishes him well in his retirement,” he said.

Retirement of Andrew Robb

Mr Kilgariff also acknowledged the retirement of outgoing Trade and Investment Minister, Andrew Robb.

“Mr Robb was instrumental in securing a number of significant international trade deals for Australia, most notably the Trans Pacific Partnership and a number of free trade agreements, including with China,” he said.

“His understanding of the need to maintain and enhance efficient national and international supply chains was fundamental to these deals, and in his discussions with our trading partners.

“His steadfast commitment to securing lasting economic benefits for Australia under these deals has been highly valued by the logistics industry and we acknowledge his enormous work in this area,” he said.

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