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ALC Congratulates Chester and Fletcher on Key Ministerial Appointments

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) welcomes the re-appointment of Darren Chester as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and the appointment of Paul Fletcher as the Minister for Urban Infrastructure.

“ALC congratulates Ministers Chester and Fletcher and we look forward to working with them to support policies that will improve the efficiency and safety of our national supply chains,” said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

“Both Ministers are experienced in the portfolio and understand the economic and social benefits of moving freight around Australia more efficiently and safely.

“The need to focus on national supply chains is underscored by an [ALC Report](#) which found the industry represented 8.6% of the national economy and that a 1% increase in supply chain efficiency can deliver a \$2 billion benefit to Australia’s economy¹

“To help achieve this, ALC believes it is critical that the newly appointment Ministers prioritise responding to the [Infrastructure Australia’s 15-Year Plan](#) which sets out a long term blueprint to ensure Australia’s infrastructure can deal with future challenges.

“In particular, ALC is encouraging the Government to provide the necessary resources to develop the proposed National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

“The development of a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy, which would incorporate the various, interlinked components of our national and international supply chains, was one of the Plan’s high-level recommendations.

“The development of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy should be viewed as the next step of the economic reform agenda and in the same context as the white papers that have transformed many of Australia’s economically critical industries.

“It is critical Australia has a long-term plan to deal with future freight growth and to maximise the logistics sector’s benefits to the Australian economy,” he said.

Mr Kilgariff said the development of the Strategy was the primary recommendation contained in ALC’s 2016 election priorities document ‘[Getting the Supply Chain Right](#)’²

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¹ The Economic Significance of the Logistics Industry - <http://austlogistics.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Economic-Significance-of-the-Australian-Logistics-Industry-FINAL.pdf>

² Getting the Supply Chain Right - <http://www.austlogistics.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Getting-the-Supply-Chain-Right.pdf>