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ALC CONGRATULATES INCOMING SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY

The <u>Australian Logistics Council</u> (ALC) congratulates the new South Australian Ministry after they were sworn in by South Australian Governor, Hon. Hieu Van Le AC earlier today.

"ALC congratulates Hon. Steven Marshall MP on his recent election as Premier of South Australia," said ALC Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff.

"ALC would also like to congratulate Hon. Stephan Knoll MP on his appointment as the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Minister for Planning."

"It's especially pleasing that a single Minister will be responsible for both the Transport and Planning portfolios."

"One of the biggest challenges facing the logistics sector has been a continuing disconnect between those two key policy areas. Having a single Minister responsible for both will prove an enormous advantage."

"This is particularly relevant regarding urban encroachment, where residential and commercial developments conflict with the safe and efficient use of port, railway and road infrastructure," Mr Kilgariff noted.

"ALC also acknowledges the work done by Hon. Jay Weatherill MP, as the former Premier, and Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP, as the former Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, and wishes them both well for the future."

"The Marshall Government is coming to office at a critical time, with the Commonwealth currently completing a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy."

"It is critical that all State and Territory Governments work with the Commonwealth Government as they develop this important national strategy."

"ALC was also pleased to note during the recent campaign that an incoming Marshall Government would create Infrastructure South Australia, and that this body would be tasked with developing a 20-year State Infrastructure Strategy."

"ALC supports the development of improved mechanisms to ensure funding is prioritised for infrastructure projects that will deliver maximum productivity benefits, rather than funds going to projects that are prioritised for political, sectional or geographic reasons. Independent bodies such as Infrastructure South Australia can help to deliver this aim."

"ALC looks forward to working with the Marshall Government and Infrastructure South Australia as this 20-year Strategy is developed," Mr Kilgariff concluded.

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