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New Deputy Prime Minister To Speak At ALC Forum 2018

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) today confirmed that new Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon. Michael McCormack MP, will make his first major address to industry at [ALC Forum 2018](#).

The Deputy Prime Minister will be the featured speaker at ALC's Annual Dinner, being held in conjunction with [ALC Forum 2018](#) in Sydney from 6-8 March.

"We are thrilled that the new Deputy Prime Minister has chosen ALC Forum as the venue for his first significant address to industry in relation to his new portfolio responsibilities," said ALC Managing Director Michael Kilgariff.

"His address will be an integral part of an agenda that includes other senior political figures such as the NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Hon. Melinda Pavey MP and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, who will both deliver keynote addresses during Forum."

"As an industry leader, ALC works closely with political representatives at all levels, and across the partisan divide on key policy issues that impact upon our supply chains."

"ALC Forum is the most significant annual gathering of professionals involved in the nation's freight logistics industry, and this year's event comes at the crucial time, as the Federal Government continues developing the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#), ahead of its expected release in November."

"The Strategy is not just an industry blueprint, but a significant national economic initiative. It is imperative that we get policy settings right now, so that Australia can meet its growing national freight task."

"The [agenda](#) for ALC Forum 2018 is focused on determining how industry can ensure the Strategy effectively meets its needs, and drive greater supply chain efficiency and safety," Mr Kilgariff noted.

"The Deputy Prime Minister's attendance at Forum is an important confirmation that the Federal Government is continuing to engage closely with industry on the Strategy. We also look forward to hearing about progress on major national freight logistics infrastructure projects, including the Inland Rail and Western Sydney Airport."

"The outcomes from ALC Forum 2018 will be crucial in shaping the development of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy, as we move from examining what it needs to contain, and consider the more complex issue of how to make certain it delivers for industry, and the wider economy," he concluded.

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