

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Establishment of Freight Victoria a Pivotal Moment for Industry**

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says the establishment of [Freight Victoria](#) as a one-stop-shop for Victoria's freight industry is a significant step forward in delivering the policy and regulatory outcomes that the freight logistics industry needs.

The announcement forms the centrepiece of the newly-released Victorian Freight Plan, [Delivering The Goods](#), and will drive a coordinated approach to delivering the planning, infrastructure and measurement outcomes the industry needs to enhance supply chain efficiency and safety for Victoria's rapidly growing population.

"ALC was proactively involved in advising the Victorian Government on the development of this updated plan, through the Ministerial Freight Reference Group. The plan released today addresses many of the concerns industry expressed throughout that consultation process," said ALC Managing Director, Michael Kilgariff.

"Establishing Freight Victoria is a very positive step that will help to overcome one of the industry's most enduring criticisms – unclear accountability and coordination between different government agencies when it comes to monitoring and measuring the performance of freight networks."

"ALC also welcomes other key elements of the plan that are in line with our continuing advocacy. Of particular note are the plan's recognition of the need for more reliable freight data, a collaborative approach with local government to address last-mile restrictions on deliveries in urban areas, incentivising the uptake of telematics in all heavy vehicles registered in Victoria, supporting port rail shuttles and developing an effective regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles," Mr Kilgariff said.

"Further, the new plan will provide certainty for industry by endorsing the [view](#) put forward by ALC and [Infrastructure Victoria](#) that the existing Port of Melbourne should be developed to its optimum capacity. We similarly welcome confirmation that the Western Interstate Freight Terminal (WIFT) will be developed at Truganina, to align with the completion of the Inland Rail in 2025."

"It is pleasing to observe that *Delivering The Goods* explicitly acknowledges the importance of developing an effective [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#). In fact, many of the issues addressed in *Delivering The Goods* were raised in [Freight Doesn't Vote](#), ALC's submission to the *Inquiry into National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities*."

"Supply chains do not stop at state borders, so it will be critical that Freight Victoria engages closely with the Commonwealth on the development of the Strategy. This will maximise opportunities for improved supply chain efficiency and safety nation-wide," he concluded.

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