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ALC Urges New Minister To Maintain Momentum On Key Initiatives

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has thanked the outgoing Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities, Hon. Paul Fletcher MP for his close cooperation with the freight logistics industry during his time in the portfolio, and called on his successor to maintain the momentum on key policy reforms.

“ALC congratulates incoming Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population, Hon. Alan Tudge MP,” said ALC Interim Chief Executive Officer, Lachlan Benson.

“We particularly welcome the inclusion of population policy in the new Minister’s responsibilities, given that population growth is inextricably linked to the nation’s growing freight task and many of the challenges faced by freight logistics operators, including road congestion.”

“Having a single Minister responsible for infrastructure and population at the Commonwealth level is a sensible approach that will help facilitate better outcomes for this industry.”

“ALC would also like to thank Minister Fletcher for his extensive engagement with ALC during his time as Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities.”

“Minister Fletcher’s detailed understanding of infrastructure issues, particularly corridor protection and using data and technology to enhance our planning processes, have been critical to developing more freight-friendly cities,” Mr Benson said.

“Minister Fletcher was particularly committed to engaging with the freight logistics industry to help develop a fairer and more sustainable model for [road pricing](#) in Australia.”

“He was similarly instrumental in progressing development of the Western Sydney Airport and the planning of the surrounding aerotropolis, which will become a key logistics hub as Western Sydney continues to grow in the years ahead.”

“These initiatives will be vital to securing enhanced supply chain efficiency and safety – and ALC will be working to make sure that the new Morrison Government maintains the momentum on these crucial projects.”

“We also welcome the addition of Regional Development to the existing portfolio responsibilities of the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Michael McCormack MP. This is particularly fitting given the crucial role the Inland Rail project will play in supporting regional economic growth as construction gets underway.”

“ALC looks forward to working closely with both Minister McCormack and Minister Tudge to continue progressing the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#) now being developed by the Commonwealth,” Mr Benson concluded.

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