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ALC Applauds Investment In Tasmanian Freight Infrastructure

The [Australian Logistics Council \(ALC\)](#) has welcomed the significant freight infrastructure investments contained in today's Tasmanian State Budget.

"The Tasmanian Government is to be congratulated for making a record \$1.6 billion investment in transport infrastructure projects that will allow Tasmania to meet a growing freight task and plan for continued growth over the years ahead," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"Tasmania faces a unique set of freight logistics challenges as an island state. Improving the efficiency and safety of its supply chains will be essential to lock-in the economic gains of recent years and accommodate the freight demands of a growing population."

"ALC particularly welcomes the investment this Budget makes in enhancing road and bridge infrastructure. This is not only essential for ensuring that businesses and households can receive goods in a timely manner, but is also critical in supporting Tasmania's agricultural and forestry producers in their export activities."

"The provision of \$294 million for the new Bridgewater Bridge is especially important. It is difficult to remain globally competitive when a major freight route relies on a bridge constructed in 1946 that permits only one lane of low-speed traffic in each direction."

"Further investments to support continued upgrades for the Midland Highway are also vital for supporting freight movement between Tasmania's two largest population centres."

"ALC similarly applauds the major investments being made in the state's rail infrastructure, which will promote greater use of freight rail in Tasmania, delivering benefits for the wider community in terms of safety and the prevention of road congestion."

"As Australia moves towards the finalisation of the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#) this year, the freight infrastructure investments Tasmania has announced today will promote freight efficiency, improve road safety and make Tasmanian producers more internationally competitive."

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