

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Queensland Move On Permits Will Boost Freight Productivity**

The [Australian Logistics Council \(ALC\)](#) has applauded the Queensland Government's decision to extend permit durations for Class 1 Oversize Overmass (OSOM) vehicles to 12 months.

"This is a sensible reform from the Queensland Government that will improve the efficiency of freight movement, reduce red-tape for freight operators and help keep costs under control," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"ALC [advocated](#) for a national review of the rules governing OSOM vehicle movements a year ago, because it was clear that delays in approvals and the constant need to obtain new permits for every vehicle movement was hampering supply chain efficiency, and having a negative impact on our economy."

"The decision announced today by the Hon. Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, is a win for Queensland's freight logistics industry, which will now be able to plan its operations more effectively and see its administrative burden reduced."

"As the [Queensland Freight Strategy](#) released earlier this year outlined, the state's freight task is expected to increase by over 20 per cent in the next decade."

"With such strong growth anticipated, it is imperative that the Queensland Government works closely with industry participants to enhance the efficiency of the freight network."

"This reform of OSOM provisions is the sort of positive outcome that can be achieved when industry and governments work together to deliver regulatory reform."

"ALC looks forward to continued discussions with the Queensland Government on further opportunities to reform OSOM arrangements and deliver greater national consistency in this area."

"We also encourage the Queensland Government to continue working closely with industry and with the Commonwealth on the [National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy](#), which is due to be finalised this year."

"This continued cooperation will be vital in securing the outcome the logistics industry and Australian consumers truly deserve - regulatory frameworks which recognise that freight does not stop at state borders."

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