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Committee Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
PO Box 6100, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013

Dear Mr Watling

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) is pleased to make a submission on the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 which proposes making amendments to the Infrastructure Australia Act 2008.

By way of background, ALC is the peak national body representing the major and national companies participating in the Australian freight transport and logistics supply chain industry.

ALC has long supported Infrastructure Australia as a significant change agent that promotes reforms to the way Australia's infrastructure needs are identified and funded. This includes Infrastructure Australia's role in:

- the development of documents such as the National Ports Strategy and the National Land Freight Strategy; and
- the coordination of the work of the Infrastructure Finance Working Group, which was established to identify barriers to attracting infrastructure finance - work ALC hopes will continue to be performed once IA commences operation as a 'CAC Act entity'.

Infrastructure Australia should be the 'productivity commission' of infrastructure and play a greater role in ensuring limited public funding for infrastructure projects is targeted at the right projects.

ALC generally supports the proposed amendments to the Act contained in the Bill which it believes will help support improved productivity and efficiency in the freight logistics industry. ALC encourages its passage through the Parliament.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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