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FREIGHT LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDA

Prepared by the Australian Logistics Council

Introduction

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) is committed to four strategic priorities to improve the efficiency in delivery of logistics. These are, in order of priority:

- The right infrastructure – making best use of existing infrastructure as well as investment in new infrastructure
- Capable people – attracting, retaining, training and keeping people safe
- Streamlined rules and regulations – including economic regulation as well as operational regulation, and
- Understanding the future of Transport and Logistics (T&L)

This Infrastructure Agenda therefore delivers on ALC's top priority.

As background, the ALC was formed in 2002 and grew out of the Logistics Industry Action Agenda. The Council is a partnership between all Australian Governments and senior leaders of the Freight Logistics Industry. The Council has 80 members, who are Chairman, CEOs or senior executives from major logistics users/ customers, service providers, industry associations (road, rail, sea & air), Chairman of the State-based Freight Councils, heads of government departments, regulators and other senior industry specialists.

Aim

This Infrastructure Agenda;

- Presents the considered and broadly supported view of industry on national infrastructure priorities for supply chain logistics, and
- Presents three supply chain case studies being coal, wheat, and intermodal.

These have been developed;

- From the unique perspective of ALC which draws its members across all four transport modes, nationally across all jurisdictions and from key organisations and companies from all parts of the supply chain, including logistics customers.
- With the aim of adding a clear and consolidated industry view from a supply chain logistics perspective
- In response to COAG's call in February 2006 for action in evaluate and improve the efficiency of major supply chain.

Discussion

The top priorities in the report are;

- Preparing the rail system for future challenges

- Investing in access to ports, airports and intermodal terminals and supply chains
- Developing clearly articulated freight transport plans
- Ensuring consistency and a light handed approach to regulation

This report has been widely distributed and promoted. Copies have been sent to all ATC Ministers as well as many other State and Federal Ministers

The Chairman and the Executive Director of ALC are continuing to meet with Ministers to promote these priorities.

ALC intends to review and update these priorities each year.

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