



### **Appointment of Stephen Cleary as CEO of NSW Ports**

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC), the peak national body for the freight logistics industry, today congratulated ALC board member Stephen Cleary on his appointment to the role of Chief Executive Officer of NSW Ports, an ALC member.

“Stephen has had a long and successful career in the freight logistics industry across all elements of the supply chain and I warmly welcome his appointment to the position of NSW Ports CEO,” said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

“Stephen’s previous experience with StarTrack Express and Qantas Freight, coupled with his commercial roles at Elders and Shell, means he brings to the position an in-depth understanding of the supply chain challenges and opportunities confronting these two major ports.

“Port Botany is Australia’s second largest container port, handling about one-third of all containerised cargo shipped into and out of Australia, and so its importance to Australia’s economic and social wellbeing is significant.

“There are a number of major freight initiatives in the planning phases in Sydney at the moment to improve supply chain efficiency, most notably the development of West Connex and the Moorebank Intermodal precinct.

“NSW Ports is a key stakeholder in these projects, and there is no doubt Stephen will bring to the table a strong voice to ensure appropriate linkages exist with Port Botany to maximise the assets’ potential as well as the economic benefits for NSW residents.

“As ALC said in its submission on the draft NSW Freight and Port Strategy, the keys to maximising productivity at Port Botany will be achieved through investing in port infrastructure, reducing land side congestion and addressing access issues.

“ALC looks forward to these issues being addressed in the Final NSW Freight and Port Strategy – the timely release of which is needed to provide greater certainty to industry and to kick start improving freight efficiency in the state,” he said.

Mr Kilgariff added Stephen Cleary’s appointment as NSW Ports CEO was an important milestone in the process to offer infrastructure assets such as Port Botany and Port Kembla to the private sector and to use the proceeds from their lease to invest in new infrastructure.

“ALC encourages governments to continue focusing on the identification of infrastructure assets that are appropriate to be transferred to the private sector as a means of raising much needed funds to boost national freight efficiency,” he said.

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