



## Speech to NSW Major Projects Conference

In a [speech](#) today to the NSW Major Projects Conference, Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director told delegates there are five key projects that need to be progressed by governments to improve freight efficiency in NSW.

“It is widely known that when Sydney doesn’t work, Australia doesn’t work and that the biggest impediment to improving freight efficiency of our national freight network is Sydney,” said Mr Kilgariff.

“To address this issue ALC is calling for greater investment in freight rail, delivery on a second Sydney Airport, improved freight planning, harnessing of greater private sector in freight logistics infrastructure and a maximising of the economic benefits of WestConnex.

“I want to be very clear that ALC is completely supportive of WestConnex and recognises the opportunities it will create for all Sydney residents as well as businesses which rely on efficient transport links across the city.

“Running in parallel with the WestConnex project is the Pinch Point Program aimed at alleviating congestion around the port and improving freight efficiency in NSW.

“ALC [publicly welcomed](#) these projects when they were announced by the NSW Government last year.

“I appreciate that there are some significant logistical issues having the motorway run via the Port, not to mention the cost of connecting the road to the port, but ideally, ALC would have liked to have seen the motorway run further into the port area.

“This is a once in a generation opportunity to prepare for future growth at Port Botany and I look forward to working with the Government to ensure there are appropriate linkages to the port interface to improve supply chain efficiency.”

In the speech Mr Kilgariff also called on the NSW Government to use the proceeds from the long term lease of Port of Newcastle to fund freight logistics infrastructure servicing the port.

“In particular, we encourage the Government to ensure it uses the proceeds of the lease to deliver on the key actions of the National Port Strategy, such as the preservation of key strategic routes for the port.”

Mr Kilgariff also voiced ALC’s ongoing support for an Inland Rail link and a second Sydney airport at Badgery’s Creek, both of which are seen by the freight logistics industry as critical to improving productivity, efficiency and safety.

“An inland rail route linking Brisbane and Melbourne has long been talked about as a key piece of infrastructure Australia needs to meet our rising freight task on the north south corridor,” he said.

“ALC encourages governments to preserve and protect the preferred alignment now so that the land will be available when the inland rail freight line is eventually built.

“And a second airport is needed at Badgery’s Creek in Sydney to add price competition to the Sydney air freight market; to meet rising levels of demand and to address congestion issues around Kingsford Smith,” he said.

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