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ALC Applauds NSW Move on Curfews

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has applauded the decision of the NSW Government to override curfews that prevent night-time deliveries and loading dock use for duration of the COVID-19 crisis.

“This is a sensible and welcome move by the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Planning Minister Rob Stokes that will allow logistics companies to get stock into stores 24 hours a day,” said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

“It’s important that Australians understand we are confronting a demand challenge, not a supply one. Australia is not about to run out of food, toilet paper, or disinfectant products. The instances of panic buying we have witnessed in recent weeks are unprecedented and unhelpful.”

“ALC echoes the Prime Minister’s call from earlier this week for Australians to refrain from needless hoarding and panic purchasing, and to treat retail staff and the logistics sector’s workforce with respect during this enormously challenging period.”

“The most pressing challenge for logistics companies at present is getting stock into stores quickly enough to satisfy extraordinarily heightened levels of consumer demand. The existence of curfews that prohibit deliveries during certain hours are a barrier to addressing that challenge.”

“ALC is pleased that the NSW Government has recognised this and has moved to rectify the situation today. It follows a similar [decision from the Queensland Government](#) this week, and we understand that state governments in Victoria and South Australia are now swiftly moving to remedy the curfew situation in those states.”

“ALC again urges remaining state and territory jurisdictions to act promptly on this matter, in the interests of national certainty and consistency.”

“While many councils around Australia have worked cooperatively with logistics companies and retailers in dealing with this extraordinary challenge, an agreed approach from all state and territory leaders through the National Cabinet process will assist enormously.”

“Australia’s freight and logistics sector is working around-the-clock to deal with the enormous challenges presented by COVID-19 and it is important our governments provide practical support to help the industry’s efforts to support local communities.”

“ALC thanks the NSW Government for its support today. We also thank the Federal Minister for Local Government Mark Coulton and the Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz for their efforts this week encouraging state and territory governments to address this matter.”

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