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### Biosecurity Levy Backdown Vindicates Freight Industry's Stance

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has welcomed the Federal Government's [decision](#) to abandon its proposal for a Biosecurity Imports Levy, saying that additional taxes and levies are the last thing Australia's freight and logistics sector needs during COVID-19.

"ALC has been opposed to this flawed proposal from the very start - and has publicly [expressed](#) its concerns regarding the Levy since it was first announced in May 2018 without any proper industry consultation," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"Today's announcement vindicates the strong stance ALC and other industry groups took against this policy proposal."

"The Biosecurity Levy Steering Committee [report](#) released last year backed the view that ALC and other industry participants expressed – the Levy as originally proposed was poorly designed, was not based on a full and proper consideration of biosecurity risks and provided no guarantee that revenue raised would actually be used to enhance biosecurity measures."

"ALC supports a robust and properly funded biosecurity protection regime for Australia."

"However, policy responses must be designed based on biosecurity risks, ensure any financial burden is shared by all parties contributing to those risks, and make certain that all revenue raised is directly expended on biosecurity measures."

"The Government's inability to provide those assurances is why the industry remained opposed to this Levy proposal – and we are very pleased it has now been abandoned. We thank the Government for listening to industry's concerns and acting accordingly."

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