

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Industry Welcomes Further Support for Air Freight

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has welcomed the Federal Government's [investment](#) of an initial \$165 million to support the continued operation of a domestic air network during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This investment will assist the movement of domestic freight and help consumers to get their deliveries more efficiently," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"Grounding the bulk of Australia's domestic commercial aircraft fleet has produced a flow-on effect in our supply chains, given that more than 80 per cent of air freight is ordinarily carried in the cargo hold of passenger planes."

"This has placed significant pressure on freight operators, particularly where freight of a critical nature such as medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) needs to reach its destination quickly."

"The Federal Government's decision to provide financial support that will allow commercial airlines to operate a minimum domestic network across Australia's most critical metropolitan and regional routes will help to relieve some of those supply chain pressures."

"It builds on the [announcement](#) earlier this month of support for air freight exports through a \$110 million International Freight Assistance Mechanism."

"ALC also appreciates the Government's commitment to continue monitoring the situation and determine if further action is needed once the initial eight-week operation of the minimum domestic network has passed."

"ALC will remain actively engaged with the Federal Government and our members as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to ensure that emerging supply chain pressures are addressed promptly, and Australian consumers are able to access the essential supplies they need."

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