

## MEDIA RELEASE

### SA Infrastructure Blueprint Will Aid Post-COVID Recovery

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says it is pleased the [20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy](#) released by [Infrastructure SA](#) today picks up on a number of recommendations put forward in ALC's [submission](#), and hopes the South Australian Government will now implement these quickly to assist with the state's post-COVID economic recovery.

"As the strategy released today notes, key freight routes around South Australia's major trade gateways are heavily congested and pass through highly urbanised environments," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"Although work is being undertaken on the North-South corridor in Adelaide, there is a need to undertake further strategic investments that will particularly enhance freight connections to Adelaide Airport and the South Eastern Freeway, which is a vital link for interstate road freight."

"ALC is pleased the Strategy endorses ALC's long-held view that curfew restrictions on Adelaide Airport need to be reviewed. Ensuring time-sensitive exports from South Australian producers can flow to growing international markets is vital to stimulating economic activity and creating local jobs."

"ALC similarly welcomes the Strategy's recognition of the need for improved landside road and rail connections for freight at SA's ports and airports to address congestion. We continue to encourage the SA Government to pursue the standardisation of SA's freight rail gauges to enhance network efficiency."

"We are also pleased the Strategy recognises the role that High Productivity Vehicles (HPVs) will play in addressing congestion and enhancing safety. We encourage the SA Government to adopt the Strategy's recommendation to work with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and SA's local government authorities to ensure infrastructure is capable of accommodating HPVs, particularly along any key economic corridors identified."

"ALC applauds Infrastructure SA's view that road pricing reform should be pursued to permit more effectively targeted investment in road infrastructure. We trust the SA Government will continue to work closely with the Federal Government and other jurisdictions through the COAG process to more rapidly progress this long-discussed reform – particularly as revenue from fuel taxes continues to decline."

"Finally, ALC strongly endorses the Strategy's call to break down silos in the planning system by moving toward a more integrated approach. As part of this, we call on the SA Government to adopt 'freight and logistics lands' as a distinct land use category within South Australian planning instruments."

"This first comprehensive 20-year infrastructure strategy for South Australia establishes some clear opportunities to enhance the state's freight infrastructure and planning processes."

Following through on its recommendations will be important to establish more resilient supply chains post-COVID 19 and will strengthen South Australia's contribution to the implementation of an effective National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy."

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