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Support For Export Supply Chains Vital For Jobs

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says today's announcement that the Federal Government will support freight exports through a \$110 million International Freight Assistance Mechanism is welcome news for Australian producers and local jobs.

"Retaining access to key export markets throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is vital to protecting as many Australian jobs as possible," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"This announcement will not only support Australia's agricultural producers but will also be welcomed by the supply chain partners they use to transport products to market. Keeping Australia's export supply chains moving also supports road and rail freight services that feed into air freight exports."

"As the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically reduced aircraft movements around the world, those who ordinarily use air freight services to export agricultural goods into key markets have struggled to continue serving their customers."

"With more than 80 per cent of air freight ordinarily carried in the cargo hold of passenger planes, it is vital that we support those who need to use air freight services until normal commercial capacity can be restored."

"This is especially important for those exporting agricultural products to international markets and to support those importing vital medical supplies and equipment for Australians."

"The measures announced today will help to support those objectives and keep more Australians working in a challenging economic environment."

"Australia must make every effort to preserve our hard-won reputation as a cost effective and reliable supplier of high-quality food, goods and commodities globally. It is hard to overstate the importance of this in a post COVID-19 world."

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