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PM's Focus on Deregulation & Technology Applauded

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) has welcomed the Prime Minister's [commitment](#) today to focus the ongoing work of the Federal Government's Deregulation Taskforce on areas that will assist in Australia's COVID-19 economic recovery.

"The Prime Minister's commitment to addressing regulatory burdens that increase cost and compliance burdens on businesses that operate across multiple jurisdictions is especially welcome," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"ALC's Infrastructure & Regulation Policy Committee recently met with representatives of the Deregulation Taskforce to discuss key industry reform priorities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"In the course of those discussions, industry representatives recommended the Taskforce should take a national leadership role in supporting the removal of regulatory impediments to supply chain efficiency."

"Today's announcement that the Taskforce will now operate within the Prime Minister's own department and have a particular focus on supporting common sense economic reforms post-COVID under Assistant Minister Ben Morton is a positive step."

"ALC agrees with the Prime Minister's observation that many of our laws have not kept pace with the development of technology. There are numerous opportunities within the freight and logistics sector to more effectively deploy technology to advance the efficiency, safety and visibility of freight movement."

"Over many years, ALC has recommended that the collection of telematics data in heavy vehicles be made mandatory. Telematics devices should be used to record data regarding longitude, latitude, speed, date and time of speeding events, as well as engine on/off data."

"Given the cost of telematic equipment continues to fall and its numerous safety and productivity benefits, mandating telematics devices in heavy vehicles is a reform that should be prioritised – not merely for improved safety outcomes, but also to inform better infrastructure planning and investment decisions."

ALC also commends the Prime Minister's observation in today's address that due to changes made during the pandemic, freight vehicles *"...were allowed to resupply along roads and during hours where they were previously banned. And the sun came up the next day."*

"This was one of the key lessons learned during the pandemic and reinforces what ALC has been [saying](#) over recent weeks - the removal of delivery curfews instituted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic should be made permanent."

"COVID-19 has given Australians a renewed understanding of how vital the efficient and safe operation of supply chains is for households and businesses. Governments have a responsibility to ensure that going forward, logistics operators have the operational flexibility they need to get the job done and keep supporting Australia's economic recovery."

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