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### Port of Melbourne Rail Solution a Vital Step in Tackling Congestion

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says the Victorian Government's support of the \$125 million Port Rail Transformation Project (PRTTP) developed by the [Port of Melbourne](#) is a welcome recognition of industry's efforts to reduce road congestion around major port precincts and improve the efficiency of supply chains.

"Moving more freight by rail can deliver a range of potential benefits for industry participants, for exporters and for local communities. The development of a new on-dock rail terminal at Swanson Dock East will help make that potential a reality," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"The PRTTP will help to alleviate road congestion around the Port of Melbourne, which is critical for logistics companies moving freight into and out of the port, and also for improving the liveability of residential communities near the port."

"Reducing road congestion also delivers safety benefits for all road users, puts downward pressure on road maintenance costs, and promotes enhanced environmental outcomes critical to maintaining the amenity of major cities."

"The PRTTP will also help agricultural exporters moving their goods through the Port of Melbourne by reducing their 'last mile' costs."

"ALC also welcomes the Victorian Government's commitment to the further development of the Port Rail Shuttle Network, planned new intermodal facilities at Truganina and Beveridge, and its investment in new automated signalling will improve the efficiency of rail freight to GeelongPort."

"As ALC has previously noted, it will also be crucial for the Federal and Victorian Governments to work cooperatively to preserve corridors and make investments that will also permit Webb Dock to be connected to Victoria's rail freight network."

"Investment in on-dock rail solutions is critical to building the capacity of Australia's freight networks. This announcement by the Port of Melbourne is a welcome contribution to nation-wide efforts to boost on-dock rail, including the [investment](#) made by NSW Ports and Patrick Terminals in enhanced on-dock rail infrastructure at Port Botany."

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