

Queensland Freight Strategy Strives to use Technology to Deliver Increased Efficiency and Safety

The <u>Australian Logistics Council</u> is pleased that the Queensland Freight Strategy – <u>Advancing Freight in Queensland</u> – released today by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, the Hon. Mark Bailey MP, emphasises the importance of new technologies and building resilience in the Queensland supply chain.

"Over the next 10 years, Queensland freight tasked is estimated to grow by 20%, ALC Chief Executive Officer Kirk Coningham said.

"This is why it is pleasing to see the Queensland Government recognise the impact that new technologies can have in addressing latent capacity challenges and improving the reliability of the freight network.

"We know Queensland is a State that is heavily impacted by extreme weather events. Just last month we saw the devastation of the flooding in Townsville. That is why ALC supports the Queensland Government's efforts, identified *Advancing Freight in Queensland*, to mitigate the effect of these weather events have on ensuring groceries, medicines and other essential items are delivered to impacted communities.

"The freight industry is filled with many organisations that are more than willing to help our fellow Australian's when times are tough. Anything the Queensland Government can do to help these organisations service those communities is appreciated.

Mr Coningham however said that there was more work that can be done.

"Advancing Freight in Queensland does not reference the <u>National Freight and Supply Chain</u> <u>Strategy</u>, Mr Coningham said.

"The freight task does not end at the Queensland border.

"To have a truly national, efficient and safe supply chain, the Queensland Government must work with the Commonwealth Government to deliver the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

"The Strategy released today also does not provide concrete funding announcements or a pipeline of infrastructure works.

"ALC looks forward to reviewing the biennial *Queensland Freight Action Plans* upon their release, Mr Coningham said.

You can read the full Queensland Freight Strategy here.

Wednesday, 13 March 2019

Contact Ben Damiano on 0408 254 799 / Ben.Damiano@austlogistics.com.au

www.austlogistics.com.au

PO Box 20, Deakin West ACT 2600 Suite 17B, 16 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600 **T:** +61 (0)2 6273 0755 **E:** admin@austlogistics.com.au