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Road Reclassification Panel Can Help Boost NSW Supply Chain Performance

The [Australian Logistics Council](#) (ALC) says the NSW Government's announcement of an Expert Panel to help identify the 15,000 km of regional roads to be transferred to state government management offers an important chance to enhance freight movement in NSW.

"ALC warmly welcomed the election commitment made by the NSW Government last year for the state to assume responsibility for up to 15,000 km of roads currently managed by local councils," said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

"The initiative presents an opportunity to eliminate some of the inconsistencies, cost-shifting and administrative delays that arise by having different sections of the one road owned by multiple local councils."

"Smaller councils in regional areas often do not have the revenue base or the personnel required to maintain road infrastructure to the standard freight operators require to support the safe and efficient movement of goods through the supply chain."

"Moving key regional roads to state government management will also help to ensure that decisions around road access can be made promptly and applied consistently, so that freight movement is not needlessly delayed by administrative holdups."

"It will be important that the Expert Panel has a particular focus on freight transport as part of its remit."

"To that end, ALC is especially pleased that the Expert Panel will be chaired by former NRMA President Wendy Machin, who is widely respected throughout the road transport sector. We similarly welcome the appointment of former ALC Managing Director and now Roads Australia CEO Michael Kilgariff to the panel."

"ALC looks forward to actively engaging with the Expert Panel throughout the consultation process and ensuring that its recommendations help to drive greater efficiency in the end-to-end supply chain."

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