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Dr Hermione Parsons speaking at Dialogue 2024

Executive Insight : Collaborative Energy and Achievements - October 2024

From the Desk of Dr Hermione Parsons, ALC CEO & Managing Director

October has been a transformative month of engagement and collaboration. The highlight was our annual ALC & Government Dialogue, held in partnership with the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) and key government agencies across Australia. This event gathered senior leaders across freight logistics,

transport, and government sectors to address some of our sector's biggest opportunities—overcoming investment barriers, enhancing productivity and safety, and leading the way on decarbonisation.

With TED-style keynotes and high-impact panel discussions led by ALC Councillors and government executives, the Dialogue tackled industry challenges head-on. Each session brought sharp insights and practical strategies to the table, emphasising the power of collaboration in shaping a resilient, future-ready supply chain. This Dialogue remains a cornerstone of ALC's annual efforts to align government and industry on the actions that will drive our sector forward.

This month, we also had the privilege of supporting Linfox, one of our long-standing members, at the launch of their innovative new BevChain facility in Laverton North. This 70,000-square-metre facility—complete with two temperature-controlled zones, 72,000 pallet spaces, a 950 kW solar system, smart lighting, and EV charging stations—is a clear testament to Linfox's leadership in sustainable logistics. Attended by industry leaders, including founder Lindsay Fox and CEO Mark Mazurek, the event underscored Linfox's continued commitment to reducing emissions and boosting the Victorian economy. This facility is not just a milestone for Linfox but a boost for the entire logistics industry in Australia.

We have also been busy advocating for our members on multiple fronts, we participated in the National Heavy Vehicle Law Amendments Package Industry Dialogue through the HVNL Steering Committee, met with Infrastructure Tasmania, attended a meeting of the National Access Framework for Heavy Vehicles Working Group, continued our ongoing work with Transport for NSW on their Freight Policy Reform Program, and participated in the After Action Review of the Crowd Strike event led by the National Coordination Mechanism. Sheena and I also engaged in key discussions around fuel demand during supply chain disruptions as part of ALC's work with the National Fuel Council's Fuel Demand Working Group. Each of these conversations has reinforced ALC's commitment to security, efficiency, and adaptability across our national logistics infrastructure.

Our policy team has been equally active, working on two pivotal submissions this month (read below), with more on the way. Policy is central to logistics' future, and we're committed to an ongoing dialogue that keeps your perspectives front and centre. If you have insights to contribute, please connect with Sheena or Slavka—your expertise is invaluable as we work together to shape policies that drive impact across our sector.

To everyone who joined us, shared their knowledge, and engaged in these valuable discussions—thank you. Logistics thrives as a network of integrated systems, and our professional community reflects this strength. Each conversation and collaboration reinforces our shared commitment to a resilient, sustainable future.

With the momentum of October propelling us forward, we look forward to what's next. Here's to more achievements, more progress, and more excellence in Australian logistics—onward and upward!

2024 Government Dialogue

Held in Partnership with the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts



Jim Betts, Secretary of the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, Making the Opening Address at 2024 ALC Government Dialogue

The 2024 ALC & Government Dialogue, held on 24 October at Infrastructure House in Canberra, once again set the stage for critical conversations on the future of Australia's logistics sector. Bringing together senior leaders from freight logistics, transport, and government, this annual event is a keystone for members who want to influence policy, strengthen partnerships, and drive industry advancement. Some of the core themes that shaped the day's agenda were:

- **Investment Barriers**

Industry leaders and government officials discussed the importance of regulatory reform and streamlined urban planning to unlock private sector investment and remove constraints affecting supply chain growth.

- **Productivity as a Sustainability Driver**

Panellists highlighted that boosting supply chain productivity directly supports national sustainability targets, underscoring the potential of data-driven strategies and productivity-enhancing technologies.

- **Decarbonising Supply Chains**

Decarbonisation emerged as a cornerstone of Australia's logistics strategy. Through discussions on the role of green technologies, renewable energy integration, and supportive policy changes, leaders explored how the industry can transition toward a low-carbon future.

A sincere thank you to Jim Betts, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA), for opening the event and setting an insightful tone for the day's discussions on our evolving logistics landscape. This year's Dialogue featured keynotes and panels led by sector experts like Ben Newton, who reflected on a decade of industry progress, and Wayne Johnson, who presented a systems approach to decarbonisation. Through focused panel sessions, industry leaders such as Mark Mazurek (Linfox), Phil Parsons (Coca-Cola Europacific Partners), and Neil Stephens (Port of Brisbane) joined government representatives to address critical issues, from dismantling investment barriers to harnessing productivity as a sustainability driver. Together, these discussions underscored our industry's commitment to building a sustainable, high-performing logistics sector for the future.

The day culminated with an insightful summary by Marika Calfas (CEO, NSW Ports), and ALC Chair Margaret Staib closed the event, emphasising the collaborative progress made and the path forward for 2025 and beyond. After a full day of discussions, attendees enjoyed exclusive networking drinks—providing further opportunities for members to connect and collaborate in a more informal setting.

For those who weren't able to attend, this Dialogue is just one example of how ALC membership offers critical opportunities to shape the industry's direction, form high-impact connections, and gain exclusive insights. Join us, and ensure you're part of next year's Dialogue, where you'll have direct access to government executives, industry experts, and the peers who are leading logistics into the future.

[Get the full insights from Dialogue 2024—contact us for your exclusive member report.](#)



Paula Stagg, First Assistant Secretary of the Surface Transport Emissions and Policy Division within the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications attending 2024 ALC Government Dialogue



Key Note Speaker Ben Newton, Deputy Chair ALC, General Manager Strategy - Primary Connect "A 10-year industry retrospective: What have we been advocating for, what has changed and what can we recognise as progress."



Hermione Parsons, ALC CEO and Managing Director, Wayne Johnson, CEO and Managing Director - ARTC and ALC Councillor, and Margaret Staib, ALC Independent Chair at 2024 ALC Government Dialogue



2024 ALC Government Dialogue afternoon panel discussing decarbonising supply chains with Brendon Buckley, Assistant Secretary Transport for Accessibility and Future Fuels Branch, Australian DITRDCA, Andrew Morgan, Assistant Secretary, Net Zero

Member Highlight

ALC Celebrates Linfox's New BevChain Facility: A Milestone for Sustainable Logistics



Photo: Ribbon cutting marking the launch of the new beverage supersite in Laverton with Lindsay Fox AC, Minister for Ports and Freight the Hon. Melissa Horne, Linfox Executive Chairman, Peter Fox AM, Managing Director of Linfox Property Group, Andrew Fox and Linfox CEO Australia and New Zealand Mark Mazurek. Credit:Linfox

The ALC team joined long-standing member Linfox at the grand opening of its cutting-edge BevChain facility in Laverton North, Victoria. This state-of-the-art 70,000-square-metre facility stands as a testament to Linfox's commitment to sustainability and innovation in logistics, representing a significant boost to both the Victorian economy and the future of supply chain management across Australia. The event was attended by Linfox's founder, Lindsay Fox, CEO Mark Mazurek, and leaders from across the industry, each echoing the importance of sustainable development within logistics.

The facility's impressive 72,000 pallet storage capacity and two specialised temperature-controlled zones highlight its capacity to efficiently serve clients with diverse storage needs. The BevChain site is not just another addition to Linfox's portfolio but a bold step towards a more sustainable logistics network, equipped with a 950 kW solar power system, advanced smart lighting, and EV charging stations. These features are designed to minimise environmental impact, aligning with Linfox's ambitious decarbonisation goals. The solar system alone is expected to drastically reduce the facility's reliance on grid power, supporting Victoria's shift towards greener industry standards.

This facility's opening also comes alongside Linfox's broader initiatives in sustainability, including its introduction of electric prime movers as part of their commitment to reducing emissions. As Australia's first operator of these next-generation electric vehicles, Linfox continues to lead the way in environmental responsibility within the logistics sector. The electric fleet complements the Laverton North site's EV charging capabilities, making Linfox well-positioned to advance its goal of a zero-emission future.

For the ALC, supporting our members like Linfox is central to our mission of fostering a resilient, future-ready supply chain. The opening of this supersite reinforces the critical role logistics plays in achieving national sustainability targets while keeping the economy moving. Facilities like BevChain Laverton demonstrate how cutting-edge technology and green innovation can work hand in hand to shape the industry's future.

Congratulations to Linfox on this monumental achievement. We're excited to witness the positive impact this facility will have on Australia's supply chain landscape.



New Research Partner



SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY

The Australian Logistics Council is thrilled to welcome Swinburne University of Technology as our newest Research Partner!

Swinburne joins us with a shared commitment to advancing the logistics industry through high-impact research and innovation. Through this partnership, we aim to enhance our research capabilities and explore new avenues for collaboration that will drive industry advancements.

Stay tuned for upcoming projects and insights that will emerge from this collaboration!

Meet Our Expert Network Introducing Ben Pratt, ALC Councillor



The Australian Logistics Council is proud to introduce Ben Pratt, Director of Corporate Affairs at Qube, as a valued member of our Expert Network and one of our dedicated Councillors. Ben's extensive experience and deep industry insight bring an invaluable perspective to the ALC's mission of advancing Australia's logistics and supply chain sector.

With over 20 years in corporate affairs, government relations, and sustainability, Ben is a seasoned strategist and skilled communicator. His background includes senior roles at BHP, QBE, and APA Group, along with experience as a political adviser at both state and federal levels. At Qube, Australia's largest integrated import and export logistics provider, Ben oversees a workforce of over 10,000 across 200+ locations in Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia, supporting Qube's operations across the region with a focus on strategic communication and stakeholder engagement. Ben's commitment to community and social responsibility is equally impressive. He has served on the Board of Foodbank Victoria and currently sits as a non-executive director of Streetwork Australia. This year, Ben also joined a Qube team in the Huma Charity Challenge to support the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, cycling and hiking along Tasmania's scenic east coast, where they raised over \$50,000 for CPA's early intervention programs.

As an ALC Councillor, Ben is part of our network of industry experts who work to shape the future of logistics in Australia. For ALC members, access to insights and collaboration with leaders like Ben is one of the many benefits of being part of this trusted community.

We're delighted to have Ben Pratt on the ALC Council, where his expertise and passion for the industry will continue to make a positive impact.

Want to join our growing Expert Network or Taskforce?
Connect with some of the best minds and expertise in the business [HERE](#).

ALC Team Member Meet Slavka Karamineva



We're thrilled to welcome Slavka Karamineva to the ALC Team. With hands-on experience managing supply chain processes, Slavka brings a deep understanding of operational challenges and the regulatory landscape. Her work coordinating cross-functional teams, enhancing quality standards, and managing compliance with industry protocols aligns seamlessly with the strategic priorities of our policy efforts. In her role as Policy Officer, she'll draw on her operational insights to support Sheena Fardell, Head of Government & Industry Affairs, in shaping effective, actionable policies that address industry needs and drive forward-thinking initiatives.

Shaping the Future Policy Updates & Recent Submissions

Recent Submission Strengthening NSW Freight Future

The Australian Logistics Council has made an important policy submission to the NSW Freight Reform Direction Paper, advocating for a systems-based approach to ensure resilient and sustainable supply chains across the state.

The ALC emphasises the need for policies that address not only freight transport but also urban planning, information technologies, and regulatory frameworks, integrating these components to boost productivity. A key focus is simplifying the complex regulatory environment through a national Freight Master Plan, aligning state and national policies for better infrastructure planning. Additionally, the ALC highlights the importance of protecting industrial land, ensuring there's adequate space for freight operations near transport hubs. With 75% of Australia's freight passing through or originating in NSW, this reform is critical for the future of Australia's supply chain and logistics sector.

ALC is hopeful that the thorough engagement process led by the Independent Panel, which enabled industry stakeholders to share concerns and provide valuable input, will result in the effective implementation of reforms that address the sector's key priorities.

[Read the full Submission here in our Knowledge Centre](#)

Policy Works in Progress Plans for Enhancing Australia's Road Freight

The Australian Logistics Council has expressed strong support for the Heavy Vehicle Productivity Plan (HVPP) 2020-2025, highlighting its role in addressing key road freight challenges such as rising demand, safety risks, and environmental impacts.

Since its launch, the HVPP has made steps in reducing permit burdens, advancing electric vehicle networks, and launching the National Network Map. The ALC's contributions to the draft of this framework, including recommendations on safety management, privacy compliance, and the development of a National Freight Data Hub, have been integrated into the plan. ALC continues to highlight the importance of ongoing collaboration between industry and regulators to build a safer, more sustainable, and efficient road network for Australia.

Want to provide thoughts or insights to our current work in progress?

Contact us at policy@ustlogistics.com.au

ALC On the Ground : Advocacy & Engagement Highlights

10th Oct. 2024 – Trans-Tasman Business Circle Event on Retail Sector Challenges

ALC CEO & Managing Director Dr Hermione Parsons and Head of Government & Industry Affairs Sheena Fardell recently joined industry leaders at a Trans-Tasman Business Circle event at Melbourne's Hotel Windsor, supported by ALC core member Accenture. The event offered key insights into the retail sector, exploring retail's role as an accessible entry point to the workforce, its contributions to economic growth, and its capacity for diverse career progression. Discussion also focused on the sector's challenges in attracting and retaining talent, as well as strategies for enhancing safety and well-being through legislation and

technology. ALC appreciates Accenture's support in fostering these vital industry conversations, which reinforce the shared challenges and opportunities across the retail and logistics sectors.



Photo: Hermione Parsons, Sheena Fardell, Angela Kranjic (Accenture) at Tran-Tasman Business Circle Event



Photo: Angela Kranjic (Accenture) and Hermione Parsons at Tran-Tasman Business Circle Event

19th Oct. 2024 – Toyota Forklifts Legends Enclosure at the TAB Everest Day at Royal Randwick Racecourse.

At the invitation of ALC Councillor Steve Takacs from Toyota Material Handling Australia (TMHA), Hermione attended the iconic Royal Randwick Racecourse for a memorable day of networking, connection, and celebration at the prestigious Everest Carnival. Hosted by TMHA, the event featured the exhilarating Toyota Forklifts Sydney Stakes, where top-tier thoroughbreds thrilled attendees. Amidst the excitement, Hermione caught up with industry colleagues, including Mal Paterson, a recent addition to the Australian Logistics Council network.



ALC Councillor Steve Takacs (TMHA) and Hermione Parsons at TAB Everest Day, Royal Ranwick Racecourse



Photo: Mal Paterson (TMHA) and Hermione Parsons at TAB Everest Day, Royal Ranwick Racecourse

22nd Oct. 2024 – ADF Family and Friends Transitional Seminar

ALC Member and Engagement Coordinator Sara Ferguson recently represented ALC at the Australian Defence Force Transition Seminar held at the South Melbourne Convention Centre. Designed to support ADF members and their families as they prepare to transition into



civilian life, the seminar provided valuable resources and insights to help ensure a smooth and well-supported transition.

Photo: Sara Ferguson representing ALC at the ADF Friends and Family Transition Seminar, South Melbourne Convention Centre

The day also marked a productive milestone for Wayfinder, as new connections and meaningful discussions were fostered with ADF attendees and professionals. This engagement presented an excellent opportunity for Wayfinder to expand its network within the ADF community, reinforcing its commitment to supporting individuals and families as they embark on their next chapter beyond military service.

Our Members in the News...

Congratulations Port of Melbourne

The Australian Logistics Council is thrilled to congratulate one of our valued members, Port of Melbourne, for being ranked #1 among Australian and international ports in the 2024 Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) for the second year running!



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Sydney, Tuesday 19th

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