

Summary - 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.



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 Accessibility and Future Fuels Branch, Australian DITRDCA, Andrew Morgan, Assistant Secretary, Net Zero Australian DITRDCA, Julia Hinwood Head of Infrastructure, Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC), Mark Mazurek, CEO Linfox and ALC Councillor, Ben Pratt, Director Corporate Affairs - Qube and ALC Councillor

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