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FREIGHT SECTOR STANDS READY TO WORK WITH RETURNED ALBANESE GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN AUSTRALIA'S SUPPLY CHAINS

Melbourne, 06 May 2025 – The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) congratulates Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the Australian Labor Party on their re-election and reaffirms its commitment to working in close partnership with the returned Government to deliver a more resilient, efficient and sustainable freight network.

ALC CEO and MD Dr Hermione Parsons said the freight, logistics, and supply chain sector underpins Australia's economic performance and living standards, moving over 800 billion tonne-kilometres of freight annually and supporting more than 1.2 million jobs.

“With supply chains facing increasing pressure from global disruptions, domestic infrastructure constraints, and persistent workforce shortages, it is essential that freight policy remains front and centre in the Government's economic and productivity agenda,” Dr Parsons said.

ALC welcomes the Albanese Government's ongoing commitments to infrastructure investment, decarbonisation, and skills development. However, further policy leadership and cross-jurisdictional coordination are essential to address persistent regulatory fragmentation and to unlock the full productivity potential of Australia's freight network.

“Our industry faces growing expectations to deliver faster, cleaner, and more transparent freight services. Meeting these expectations requires coordinated long-term planning, regulatory reform, and accelerated investment in smart infrastructure and low-emission transport technologies,” Dr Parsons said.

“In this new term of government, we urge the Commonwealth to prioritise delivery of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy. This includes ensuring visibility and accountability in implementation—particularly in areas such as urban freight planning, corridor protection, and better use of freight data to inform decision-making.”

ALC's key policy priorities for the incoming Government include:

- Resolving critical infrastructure bottlenecks, especially in the rail freight network and intermodal connections, to improve efficiency and reduce pressure on road networks.
- Accelerated decarbonisation of the freight task, including enabling infrastructure for zero-emission heavy vehicles, investment certainty for alternative fuels, and clear regulatory pathways to support private sector adoption.
- Embedding freight in land use and planning systems, ensuring long-term protection of freight corridors, industrial precincts and intermodal sites from encroachment, and securing access to suitable land for logistics and warehousing in strategic locations.



- Regulatory harmonisation across jurisdictions to reduce compliance costs, improve efficiency, and support technology adoption.
- Modernising workforce policy, including support for skills pipelines, safety leadership, career awareness campaigns, and practical reforms to enable a more inclusive and productive freight workforce.

Dr Parsons emphasised that the sector’s performance during the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and global supply disruptions has highlighted its essential role.

“Freight operators are on the frontline every day—supporting communities, enabling trade, and contributing to national resilience,” she said.

“Our members are investing in smarter, cleaner and more connected freight networks. We look forward to working with the Albanese Government to ensure policy, regulation and investment settings enable this transition.”

The ALC also acknowledges the contribution of outgoing Opposition Leader Peter Dutton and thanked him for his public service.

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About the Australian Logistics Council

The ALC is the national peak body representing Australia’s end-to-end supply chain logistics industry. ALC plays a critical role in advocating for supply chain productivity and sustainability to build resilience supporting Australia’s dynamic future.

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