

ALC AUSTRALIAN LOGISTICS COUNCIL **UPDATE**

July 2025



Executive Insight: July 2025

From the Desk of Hermione Parsons, CEO

I'm delighted to welcome Skye McLoughlin, the new ALC Membership and Engagement Coordinator to the team. Skye brings more than 15 years in membership and stakeholder engagement, across peak bodies, government and the private sector, and has hit the ground running. I'm sure you'll thoroughly enjoy meeting her – please see her profile below.

We kicked off the month in Melbourne with another successful Wayfinder: Supply Chain Careers for Women Freight Heartland Awareness Tour, giving students and career changers a first-hand look at

the diversity and impact of careers across our sector. Thanks to our industry partners who continue to open their doors and help us showcase the real people and opportunities behind modern supply chain and logistics.

ALC was also proud to contribute to two important national policy conversations this month. Dr Kerry Schott joined a special ALC Council 24-Hour Economy Roundtable discussion highlighting the role of supply chain logistics and freight transport in a modern, highly productive and sustainable economy. We also participated in Minister Catherine King's Productivity Roundtable, emphasising the critical link between efficient supply chains and national productivity, and outlining the reforms required across planning, infrastructure, workforce and regulation.

This week marked the first parliamentary sitting week for the spring session, and the ALC team was in Canberra for a busy schedule. We met with Jim Betts, Secretary DITRDSCSA and his team, Minister Catherine King, Minister Andrew Giles' team, and the team from Treasury, reiterating that Australia cannot deliver on productivity, sustainability or cost-of-living relief without high-performing supply chains.

We joined the Victorian Government's Consultation on its Climate Change Strategy, hosted by Parliamentary Secretary Sheena Watt, contributing ideas on how the freight and logistics sector can support Victoria's decarbonisation goals. We welcomed the release of Transport for NSW's Freight Policy Reform Report, which opens important conversations around planning reform, infrastructure, performance-based regulation, and data use.

We're currently in Darwin actively contributing to the National Fuel Council where the focus is on fuel security, supply chain resilience and national preparedness. Fuel continues to be essential to every aspect of supply chain in Australia and globally.

The current rapid pace of strategic development across Australia's governments indicates the perfect positioning of the ALC strategy - addressing productivity, sustainability and resilience - as the critical challenges facing Australia's supply chain future.

Thank you, as always, to our members for your continued engagement, insight and support. We're proud to be advocating on your behalf and look forward to seeing you at the 2025 ALC Supply Chain Summit in Sydney on 21st August.

Kind Regards, Hermione

2025 ALC Supply Chain Summit



SUPPLY CHAIN SUMMIT 2025 & AWARDS NIGHT

ONE MONTH TO GO!

21 AUGUST 2025

DOLTONE HOUSE
HYDE PARK, SYDNEY

The countdown is on for the 2025 ALC Supply Chain Summit. On August 21, the nation's freight and logistics leaders will come together in Sydney to confront the big issues - supply chain resilience, infrastructure, workforce, sustainability, and global uncertainty. With sector-shaping conversations, high-impact keynotes, and unmatched networking, this is where Australia's supply chain future takes shape.

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Meet Our Newest Team Member



We are delighted to welcome Skye McLoughlin as our new Membership & Engagement Coordinator. Skye brings more than 15 years of experience in membership, stakeholder engagement and account management across peak bodies, government, and the private sector to the role as well as extensive experience coordinating events, communications, and relationships management. She's hit the ground running and already made her mark. Skye will be reaching out to meet all our members as soon as possible. Please make her welcome and reach out anytime.

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ALC Advocacy & Engagement Highlights

Strong ALC Voice at Minister King's Transport Productivity Roundtable



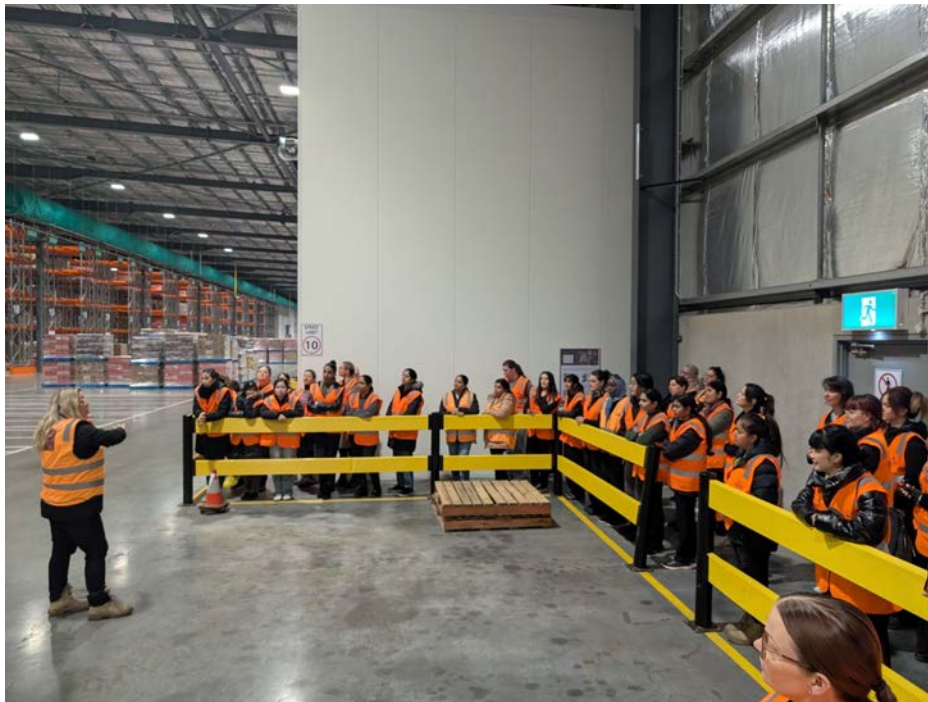
CEO, Hermione Parsons, participated in the Ministerial Transport Productivity Round Table, representing members and reinforcing the sector's critical role in Australia's economic performance. As part of ongoing engagement with Government, ALC continues to advocate for freight productivity to be addressed as a core pillar of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy. Feedback from Government confirms that ALC's input is contributing meaningfully to national policy development, ensuring that freight productivity and supply chain resilience remain central to future reform efforts.

Night-Time Freight in a 24/7 Economy



Dr Kerry Schott AO met with ALC members to discuss building a true 24-hour freight economy aligned with commercial, infrastructure, workforce, and community needs. Members shared firsthand insights to support Dr Schott's engagement with the NSW Transport Minister, highlighting that infrastructure alone is not enough. Real progress requires coordinated policy reform - addressing fragmented land-use planning, regulatory misalignment, and social licence, to enable efficient, round-the-clock freight movement across the supply chain. We are delighted that Dr Schott has been invited to attend Treasurer Jim Chalmers Productivity Summit.

Another Successful Wayfinder Tour in Melbourne!



On 1 July, Wayfinder: Supply Chain Careers for Women hosted its Freight Heartland Tour in West Melbourne, offering 35 participants a unique look inside Australia's vital logistics sector. The day began at the high-tech Toll Mars Wrigley Distribution Centre in Truganina, where attendees were inspired by the facility's automation and career opportunities. The tour continued at Foodbank Victoria, providing a real-world perspective on how logistics supports everyday life. The experience wrapped up with a cruise around the Port of Melbourne, featuring stories from women working in the industry who shared what drives their passion for supply chain careers. Thank you to our host partners Toll Group, Foodbank Victoria and the Port of Melbourne for helping us inspire the next generation of supply chain leaders.

Renee, a participant from Hobsons Bay, reflected: *"The day gave more insight into the logistics sector... I found it valuable in terms of the connections I made."*

ALC Policy Updates

ALC Submission to NSW Net Zero Commission

ALC made a submission to the NSW Net Zero Commission outlining 14 targeted recommendations to support freight decarbonisation while maintaining supply chain continuity. Key priorities included mode-specific emissions tracking, integration of freight demand into electricity planning, and fast-tracked approvals for electric charging and hydrogen refuelling in freight precincts. The submission also recommended ZEV sales targets with supporting incentives, co-investment in zero- and low-emissions locomotives, and digitisation of intermodal terminals to improve emissions visibility. ALC advocated for freight-specific climate resilience planning, expanded use of real-time climate data, and coordinated adaptation strategies.

Additional priorities included support for renewable diesel, harmonised planning rules for low-emissions logistics hubs, and a nationally consistent road-user charging framework. We continue to emphasise that decarbonisation policy must reflect the operational realities of freight, particularly for long-haul and regional supply chains, to ensure reforms are both effective and commercially viable.

Read the full submission in our Knowledge Centre by following this [link](#).

Economic Reform Roundtable Consultation Submission

ALC's submission to Treasury outlined priority reforms to position logistics and end-to-end supply chains as a key national productivity and resilience driver. As part of the Productivity Roundtable process, ALC urged the immediate release and implementation of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy, regulatory reforms to support a flexible 24-hour freight economy, modernisation of heavy vehicle licensing, and structural reforms to enable a modal shift to more sustainable freight modes such as rail and coastal shipping. This shift is essential to supporting Australia's national transition to net zero emissions targets.

The submission also identified taxation settings, energy resilience, and freight data digitisation as critical enablers of productivity. With freight contributing 8.6% of GDP and facing rising demand and systemic risk exposure, ALC advocated for coordinated reform that treats supply chain logistics as sovereign economic infrastructure; essential to controlling inflation, strengthening economic security, and achieving long-term prosperity.

Read the full submission in our Knowledge Centre by following this [link](#).

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Heartland Tour,
Melbourne**

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Industry News

Port of Brisbane Launches Vision 2060



The Port of Brisbane has launched Vision 2060, a bold and future-focused roadmap designed to strengthen Queensland's economic position, future-proof trade, and drive the transition to a more sustainable and efficient port. Developed in collaboration with industry, government, and community stakeholders and grounded in research, Vision 2060 outlines how the port will embrace innovation, economic growth, and environmental stewardship.

By 2060, Queensland's population is expected to reach 8.3 million, with container trade set to triple and cruise passenger volumes projected to more than quadruple. Energy demand could increase ten-fold as the port community decarbonises. This anticipated growth presents an opportunity to reimagine how infrastructure is planned and operated - ensuring it is resilient, agile, and adaptable to evolving needs. The vision sets out three key areas of focus: improving logistics connectivity, leading in clean energy innovation, and designing a port that supports resilient infrastructure, a skilled workforce, and sustainable economic development for future generations.

Explore the full vision at www.portbris.com.au/portbris-2060.

OPEN NOW: \$10,000 Scholarship Program set to

boost skills in honour of Industry Greats David Hay and Ivan Backman



Ivan Backman AM



David and Christine Hay

The legacy of two industry greats (deceased) Ivan Backman AM former ALC Chairman, and David Hay logistics company CEO and Chair – both long-standing champions of learning and the supply chain profession – continues. Generous philanthropy has created the Hay and Backman Supply Chain and Logistics Scholarship at RMIT. **Critically this scholarship fund is for people in the industry who never imagined they would be able to undertake and attain a diploma or degree.** Applications are now open with offers up to \$10,000 per year for students with industry experience who are looking to attain formal qualifications. It supports study across a range of vocational, undergraduate and post graduate supply chain and logistics programs, details are available [here](#).

ALC Member Spotlight

Amy Bentley - CSR



Amy entered the world of Supply Chain almost 30 years ago and has been hugely invested in it ever since. Roles in Woolworths, Metcash, Toll and CSR have provided great opportunity to deepen understanding and create value, whilst time spent as a Supply Chain consultant helped refine stakeholder engagement and finesse end to end Supply Chain solutions in Light Industrial, Aviation and Agriculture industries. In her current role at CSR, Australian manufacturer of Building Materials, she has driven the creation of a Supply Chain function and the transformation of Supply Chain across 10 businesses. Amy highly values working together with amazing people to lead and transform Supply Chains, which includes engaging with organisations like the ALC to ensure organisational and industry objectives align. She also enjoys mentoring the next generation into the career paths that excite them.

Having said all that she sees that her most important role is as a mother to an 11 year old daughter, who after many dinner conversations, has become incredibly proficient in understanding Supply Chain to the point of offering exceptional advice. Outside of work Amy loves spending time outdoors with her family and organising travel and events.

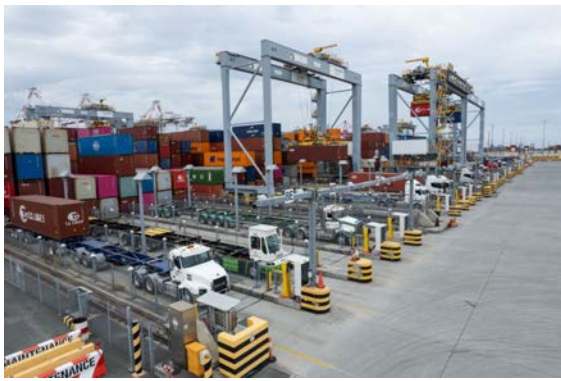
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