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## **ALC WELCOMES ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AUSTRALIA'S FUEL SECURITY**

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) has welcomed the Australian Government's announcement to strengthen domestic fuel security settings, including changes to the Fuel Security Services Payment.

ALC said maintaining domestic refining capability remains a critical part of Australia's resilience to global supply disruptions, particularly as international supply chains continue to face pressure.

The Government's decision to adjust the payment mechanism, while keeping the cap unchanged, is expected to provide greater certainty for refiners and support sustained domestic production. This includes moves by key operators to maintain output and defer maintenance to increase fuel availability in the near term.

ALC noted that domestic production remains an important component of national fuel supply, with local refineries continuing to meet a share of Australia's demand.

ALC Chief Executive Officer Hermione Parsons said fuel security must be understood as a whole-of-supply-chain issue, not just a question of production.

*"Fuel security is not only about production. It is about how efficiently fuel moves through the system, from refineries and import terminals through to end users across the economy. A more coordinated, end-to-end approach is needed to ensure fuel can be distributed reliably, particularly during periods of disruption. This includes optimising the use of existing infrastructure and strengthening connections between road, freight rail and port networks."*

*"Freight rail plays such an important role in supporting high-volume, long-distance fuel movements and must be better integrated within the broader freight system to enhance resilience and reduce pressure on constrained parts of the network."*

ALC will continue to work with the Government to ensure fuel policy settings reflect the operational realities of freight and logistics, including the need for stronger coordination across supply chains and better use of existing infrastructure.





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