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About ALC

The Australian Logistic Council is the peak umbrella body for Australia's Transport and Logistics (T&L) Freight Industry representing Australia's road, rail, sea and air transport & logistics providers.

The Council aims to lead improvements in the efficient delivery of Australian domestic and international logistics.

ALC Update

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A Snippet from the Chairman



Our recent Council meeting was the first held (appropriately) in Canberra since ALC transferred our office to Australia's national capital.

A range of speakers highlighted critical national issues that need to be addressed, particularly in the forthcoming year.

It reinforced to me, and I trust all ALC members, that the move to Canberra, with a strategic focus on advocacy, regulation and infrastructure, was the right move....at the right time.... for the Australian Logistics Council.

Even more pleasing is that the Government and our industry allies, including the Australian Trucking Association, Australasian Railway Association, Ports Australia, Shipping Australia, the Australian Shipowners Association and the Australian Food and Grocery Council, recognise there is a role for ALC as the advocate for those multi-modal national issues that need to be addressed, but which go beyond the scope of any particular sector.

This is a pivotal time in the Transport & Logistics industry as the Rudd Government grapples with the number of different rules applying to this industry, all of which, in their own way, undermine our ability to function as a seamless multi-modal national industry.

It will need focussed endeavour - but they are issues which have to be tackled if we are to realise the efficiencies that come from nationally consistent rules and a seamless national economy – let's make it happen!

Regards,

Ivan Backman, Chairman

CEO's Update



In many areas of Australian public policy, the trend is towards national consistency and the Transport & Logistics industry is no exception.

This move to national regulation has increased the focus on the consistency of regulation that remains with the states and territories. This is understandable given a truly national economy ultimately requires one common set of rules.

To demonstrate the level of industry support for consistency of regulation in the T&L sector, prior to the last Council of Australian Governments meeting in July 2009, Toll, Linfox and the Transport Workers Union wrote to Prime Minister Rudd supporting a single national heavy vehicle regulator.

On Friday 6 November, the Australian Transport Council (ATC) will be meeting and ALC hopes that ATC members will finalise operational details for a single national heavy vehicle regulator, as well as push ahead with development of a national rail safety regulatory system. ATC has already demonstrated a commitment to the national reform agenda by agreement on a single heavy vehicle regulator and making the Australian Maritime Safety Authority the national safety regulator for all commercial shipping in Australian waters.

The necessity to drive efficiencies in the transport & logistics supply chain is even more important in light of recent Treasury estimates that Australia's population will increase to 35 million by 2050. Australia's freight task has already more than doubled over the last 20 years and is expected to almost double again by 2020.

For this reason, ALC welcomed a Report released in October by the Business Council of Australia, called *Groundwork for Growth*, which drew attention to the costs to the community caused by inconsistency of state and territory regulations for operation of road and rail freight.

Ultimately, nationally inconsistent regulation and red tape only adds considerable and unnecessary costs to Australian consumers and exports.

A key strategic objective for ALC is to ultimately support a Single Land Transport Regulator with seamless regulatory arrangements across all land transport modes. As part of this national reform process, it may also be necessary to review competition policy as it applies in the transport & logistics sector, to ensure the national transport & logistics supply chain is more cohesive and seamless.

These are all issues ALC will address in further detail over 2010.

Newsflash – ALC 2010 Forum

Minister Albanese has been locked in for a keynote address to the ALC 2010 Annual Forum, which is to be held in Sydney on 3 March 2010. An ALC Board Meeting and Council Meeting will be held on 2 March. Further details to follow.

Regards,

Michael Kilgariff, Chief Executive

Outcome of ALC Council Meeting

The last ALC Council meeting for 2010 was held in Canberra on 13 October 2009. ALC would like to again thank our host, Air Commodore Margaret Staib AM CSC, Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

The meeting featured a presentation by Ms Leslie Riggs, Executive Director, Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. The speech also included a discussion on the role of ALC and interaction with CoAG and ATC on the transport reform agenda.

Former ALC CEO, Hal Morris also briefed the meeting on the transport report for the World Bank that had been undertaken by ALC. Discussions are being held with the World Bank on how that might be released in Australia.

Presentations were also made to the meeting by associations representing the various modes, as well as by ALC Board members on issues such as the national rail safety system, Infrastructure Score Cards, the national retail safety codes and the T&L ICT White Paper (see below story).

The meeting discussed the strategic objectives for ALC in 2010 and agreed the ALC Secretariat would draft a 2010 Strategic Issues Plan for consideration by the Board and approval at the next Council meeting.

All presentations from the meeting will be available from the Events page on the ALC website early next week.

ALC Decision Makers Dinners

Our last dinner was in **Fremantle on Wednesday 7 October** which was a fantastic success. Over 30 people attended, which is slightly larger than the usual DMD. Attendees came from a wide range of industries in WA, but all had supply & logistics in common. Thanks again to the Hon Simon O'Brien MLA, Minister for Transport, for hosting the event. Thanks also to Mr Bill Marmion MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, for assisting in his role as Chair of the Freight & Logistics Council of Western Australia.

The following dinner will be held in **Adelaide on Monday 16 November**, which is locally sponsored by the South Australian Freight Council. Our guest is the Hon. Patrick Conlon MP, Minister for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure. The dinner will focus on infrastructure planning and investment, as well as the broader needs of our T&L supply chain, with a particular focus on Adelaide and surrounding areas.

Attendance at the dinners is by invitation only and the ALC Chairman and/or Chief Executive always hosts the dinner. If you are interested in finding out more about the ALC Decision Makers Dinners, please contact ALC.

A Smarter Supply Chain

ALC is currently finalising a White Paper on ***A Smarter Supply Chain- Using Information & Communications Technology to Increase Productivity in the Australian Transport & Logistics Industry.***

It is currently proposed to release the White Paper in December 2009 and it will be discussed at the ALC Annual Forum on 3 March 2010.

ALC will take steps in 2010 to develop a position/policy paper on *A Smarter Supply Chain*, which can be used as part of ALC's advocacy strategy on both regulation and infrastructure.

ALC is currently developing a communications strategy for the launch of the White Paper. If you would like further information on the paper please contact ALC.

National Ports Strategy – Invitation to participate

Infrastructure Australia has invited ALC to participate in the development of the National Ports Strategy.

The National Ports Strategy will fit into the **National Freight Network Plan**, which is to be a component of the **National Transport Policy Framework**. There are 4 stages:

- Information on current planning practices in ports and supply chains. Complete early November.
- More detailed stakeholder consultation from mid November, including a multi-stakeholder national workshop to identify key issues. Complete end December 2009.
- Consideration of issues and role of government.
- Preliminary report to stakeholders for comment in late January/early February 2010. Draft report in mid February with comments received up until mid April 2010.

ALC is keen to be involved in the consultation and multi-stakeholder national workshop to identify key issues. If you would like to contribute please contact ALC.

BCA Report on Groundwork for Growth

The Business Council of Australia has released a Report *Groundwork for Growth: Building the Infrastructure that Australia Needs*, which draws attention to the costs to the community caused by inconsistency of state and territory regulations for operation of road and rail freight.

Chapter 3 - *Moving Freight Efficiently and Effectively*, recommends:

- COAG to develop a national freight implementation plan.
- Accelerate pricing and regulatory reforms, link road expenditure to revenue, and develop a freight project pipeline.

ALC particularly welcomes the BCA recommendation for the Council of Australian Governments (CoAG) to develop a national freight implementation plan.

The Hon Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, has already committed to developing a National Freight Network Strategy, following the National Port Strategy; a process he has said will 'get the long term planning right and not repeat the mistakes of the past'.

The Business Council of Australia Report *Groundwork for Growth: Building the Infrastructure that Australia Needs* is available at www.bca.com.au.

Rudd on future strategic planning

Prime Minister Rudd also addressed the BCA Annual Dinner in October, where he announced that in 2010 the Government, through COAG will be developing the first ever national criteria for the future strategic planning of our major cities.

The Prime Minister recognised that "in Australian cities, bottlenecks in our rail and port systems are also imposing huge financial costs on our exporters and on businesses in general. A transcript of the speech is available at www.pm.gov.au/node/6282

NSW Grain Review Report

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and Federal Agriculture Minister Tony Burke have released the final report from the NSW Grain Freight Review Taskforce.

Of interest to ALC is their announcement the report has been submitted to *Infrastructure Australia* for consideration in the development of the National Port Strategy and National Freight Network Strategy.

A copy of the Report can be downloaded from:

www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/publications/reports/index.aspx.

Retail Logistics Supply Chain Code of Conduct

Development and effectiveness of the Retail Supply Chain Code of Conduct continues to increase, backed up by growing membership, including by key suppliers/vendors such as SCA and Kimberly Clark.

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) has now endorsed the Retail code of conduct, which should fill some industry gaps and contribute to the overall effectiveness of the supply chain.

Another set of guidelines is being released, which deals with Vehicle Rollover. It is focused on the retail supply chain and industry in general and takes a real step forward in an area that has been poorly catered for in terms of regulation and guidelines.

After 3 years as chair of the RLSC Management group, Ingilby Dickson, General Manager Supply Chain and Logistics with BlueScope Steel, has handed over the position of Chair to Geoff Thomas, General Manager Logistics with Woolworths. Ingilby Dickson will now assume the role of chair of the National Logistics Safety Code (NLSC) advisory group, which was launched at the 2009 ALC Forum.

Welcome to the following the following new signatories to the RLSC.

- SCA Hygiene Australasia Pty Ltd
- Hunter & Northern Logistics Pty Ltd
- Dyers Distribution
- Statewide Independent Wholesalers
- Blenners Transport Pty Ltd
- WB & SM Doser Freight Forwarding Pty Ltd
- JFB Transport (Shepp)
- Kimberly-Clark Australia
- Mars Australia Pty Ltd
- Carey's Freight Lines

The following Companies have submitted testimonials in relation to their experiences and learning from being a signatory to the RLSC.

- Coca-Cola Amatil
- Coles
- Linfox
- Metcash
- National Foods
- Toll
- Woolworths

To read more follow the hyperlink

<http://www.austlogistics.com.au/dmdocuments/rlsc%20newsletter%20october%202009%20final.pdf> to the

October RLSC newsletter

National Transport Commission Meeting

The National Transport Commission's 41st Commission meeting was held in Perth on Friday 16 October. The CEO's report included information on recent NTC reforms which have been taken to the Australian Transport Council, including the Accreditation Policy Review, and an update on key projects including the COAG Road Reform Plan, Performance Based Standards Review and the Telematics Strategy.

To read the outcomes from the Commission meeting please [CLICK HERE](#).

For other recent NTC announcements please [CLICK HERE](#).

NTC Industry Advisory Group Update

ALC attended a meeting of the National Transport Commission (NTC) Industry Advisory Group meeting on 29 September in Melbourne. The outcomes from that meeting are now available on the NTC website.

The presentations given by the NTC are also available as pdf documents on this page.

www.ntc.gov.au/viewpage.aspx?Areald=38&DocumentId=1296

This IAG meeting was the first to follow an updated format which had been developed by NTC to ensure that stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to be briefed on current or upcoming NTC work, and to share their views with other stakeholders.

National Transport Skills Strategic Action Plan

The Australian Transport Council's National Workforce Planning and Skills Working Group has released its *Draft National Transport and Logistics Industry Workforce Planning and Skills Strategic Action Plan* for industry and stakeholder comment and input. ALC was represented on this Group.

The Australian Transport Council will be considering the draft report at the ATC meeting on Friday 6 November. Following the Australian Transport Council's endorsement of the Draft Strategic Action Plan, the plan will be submitted to Skills Australia National Workforce Development Strategy as a submission from this sector. The Draft Plan provides twelve high level strategic focus areas for action.

For more information: <http://www.ntc.gov.au/viewpage.aspx?documentid=1761>

For a copy of the Strategic Action Plan <http://www.ntc.gov.au/filemedia/Reports/NationalLWSSAP.pdf>

Future Supply Chain 2020 Project

ALC will shortly be launching the *Future Supply Chain 2020* Project. The project is being run over two stages, in conjunction with the Australian Freight Councils Network (AFCN) and the Transport & Logistics Centre (TALC). Stage one will be the development of a report, with stage two being the public consultation on recommendations and actions.

The Project will undertake a structured national exercise to produce a detailed national industry position on matters related to energy and environment as they relate to sustainable business models for Australian organisations that comprise national supply chains.

One of the key objectives for ALC during 2009 and 2010 is to develop robust and effective arrangements for the Transport & Logistics industry that identify, endorse and advocate solutions that promote a sustainable, capable and productive future for Transport & Logistics industry. ALC will focus on the role of collaboration in the organisation and operation of Future Supply Chains that will deliver sustainable Collaboration and Future Supply Chain business models.

The basis for the development of Australian Supply Chain models will be the Global Commerce Initiative's (GCI) European and North American discussion paper on Future Supply Chain: 2016. It focuses on the new kind of business models needed to accommodate the challenges in the next decade, including economic, ecological, demographic, technology and other changes.

WMF October 09 Mentoring Program



The WMF October 09 program has now commenced with over 40 women currently participating. The women on the current program represent the following companies:

Albany Port Authority	DAMCO	Hopwood Integrated Training	Polar Fresh
ANL Logistics Pty Ltd	Darwin Coordinators	Jebsens	Port of Brisbane
ATA – Northern Territory	Defence - Army, Joint	KMART	Powerhouse Logistics

	Logistics Command		
Bluescope Steel	Department of Defence (Joint Logistics Command)	Linfox	Queensland Rail
Boeing Defence Australia	Dept of Transport, Energy & Infrastructure (DTEI)	Mainfreight International	Scorpion International Freight Services
Central Freight Management Services	DHL Global Forwarding	Mrs Crockets	Swire Shipping
Charles Darwin University	Hawkins Road Transport	Northern Territory Government	Western Australia Public Transport Authority
Chemtrans			

We wish the women well on their journey as they complete the 10 week program.

The women have already heard from some very inspirational speakers which have included **Anita Beasley**, Director of Development for Emberin, **Alison Triffett** MD of the Style Counsel, **Tania Whyte** Linfox's President Commercial and **Len Harper** CILTA International President. This week the women will hear from **Leigh Bryant** Director of Scorpion International Freight Services, who is a member of the DSRD Women in Business Mentor program, Women going Global network and founding member of the Organisation of Women in International Trade.

The WMF program was also a finalist in the CILTA 2009 National Awards and the SCLAA QLD 2009 Awards.

Stay tuned for information around next year's re-vamped WMF program – WMF2010. The program will be going through a series of very exciting changes. If you wish to register your interest in being involved in WMF2010 please email Melinda.buker@austlogistics.com.au or refer to <http://mentoring.austlogistics.com.au>.

Women in Supply Chain (WISC)

The Victorian Freight and Logistics Council (VFLC) extends an invitation to interested ALC guest to a review of the 2009 WISC achievements followed by their End-of-Year Cocktail Party on 11 November in Melbourne. Guests will be introduced to the VFLC and reporting on a draft paper to attract women to the Transport and Logistics industry. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet with participants from the Australian Logistics Council's 'Women Moving Forward' Mentoring Program'. Current WMF participant Jessica Rankin will be presenting on the evening as will the ALC Chairman **Ivan Backman**. For more information please contact frances.hoe@iird.vic.gov.au

2009 Port of Melbourne Container Logistics Chain Study

The Port of Melbourne Corporation in partnership with the Victorian Department of Transport and the Essential Services Commission is undertaking a critical landside container freight study which **requires your participation**. The study will update and replace the 2002 Port of Melbourne Container Origin and Destination Study upon which most public sector planning and forecasting for freight in Victoria is currently based. It will benefit industry and government through an improved understanding of the freight task and the use of road, rail and port infrastructure.

Study Aims

- Quantify container freight movements at the Port of Melbourne (import, export and domestic freight);
- Quantify the movement of container freight through the Dynon Rail Terminal Precinct;
- Fully describe and explain the whole of the logistics chain process for containers passing through the Port of Melbourne and the Dynon Rail Terminals;
- Forecast freight volumes and movements to 2040.

Who Should Participate

- Importers, exporters, freight forwarders, warehouse distribution centres, stevedores, transport operators, rail terminal operators, empty container parks and shipping lines.
- Key industry councils and associations support the study.

What Is Involved

- Companies at each point of the logistics chain are providing electronic data so container movements can be tracked over a 2 week period **9-23 November 2009**.
- Commercial confidentiality is assured and all data will be aggregated.
- For most companies, **participation means a simple download of existing spreadsheet data.**

The Study is being conducted by Integrated Management Information Systems (IMIS) in partnership with Victoria University's Institute for Logistics and Supply Management (ILSCM). For information regarding the Study, please contact Loretta Gabriel of loretta.gabriel@vu.edu.au (03) 9919 6253.

ALC Has Moved

The Australian Logistics Council has opened the new headquarters in Canberra.

In mid 2009, ALC revised its key strategic objectives to focus on high level advocacy on infrastructure and regulation issues. As a result, it was decided to move the organisation to Canberra. The ALC's presence in Canberra is a signal to Governments around the country that the Transport & Logistics industry is determined to play a larger role in the multi-modal transport reforms in the years ahead.

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ALC Endorsed Events

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http://www.austlogistics.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=140&Itemid=294

New South Wales

2009 CILTA Australian Transport and Logistics Industry Awards 23 October

The 2009 CILTA Australian Transport and Logistics Industry Awards were held in Newcastle on the 23 October 2009. The night was a great success with many industry figures recognised for their achievements. For more information go to www.cilta.com.au

LAA Integra Packaging Site Visit Thursday 12th November 2009

Whilst the site shows the manufacturing side of their business, Integra Packaging is an experienced, complete packaging solutions business (CPS), with over 500 clients spanning defence, mining, infrastructure, logistics, aerospace and general manufacturing. If you are interested in attending this site visit contact admin@laa.asn.au

NSW Transport Infrastructure Summit 2009 24 & 25th November

The NSW Transport Infrastructure Summit will look at transport policy, finance challenges, urban planning, environmental issues and all of the different modes of freight and public transport in NSW. Refer to www.informa.com.au for further details.

Queensland

Road map to Success for young T&L Professionals 6th November 2009

This event, aimed solely at young T&L professionals will showcase the varied career opportunities in our industry and attendees will get to hear from inspirational guest speakers. The event will be held from 3.30pm to 6pm at the Queensland Cricketers Club. For more information go to officelogistics@sclaa.com.au

SCL Summit 'Shape the future of supply chain and logistics' 13th of November 2009

The November SCL Summit will provide unfettered opportunities for you to influence the building of a REAL Supply Chain and Logistics Action Agenda for Australia. The Action Agenda will focus on practical ways and means to improve sustainable performance for supply chain and logistics professionals and practitioners at all levels, as well as organisations and supply chains. Contact qld@sclaa.com.au for further details.

South Australia

AusRAIL PLUS 2009 17 to 19th November 2009

This is the largest annual rail event in the Asia-Pacific and provides a forum for senior executives to discuss future policy, investment and the latest technological developments in the rail sector. AusRAIL is the only rail event to have the official endorsement and active participation of the 5 main railway associations in Australasia and the broad support of the rail industry. For more information go to <http://www.ausrail.com/informaoz/AusRAIL/>

Tasmania

No new news

Northern Territory

No new news

Victoria

ASCLA Evening – 12th November

Tickets are now available for the 2009 Australian Supply Chain and Logistics Awards evening which will be held at Eureka Tower, Southbank, Victoria on Thursday the 12th of November. The Australian Supply Chain & Logistics Awards are the most recognised and esteemed awards for a company or an individual to be awarded and the winners will be announced on Thursday the 12th of November. The ASCLA Awards are the longest running national awards program in the industry and have been serving the industry for over forty years. For more information contact vic@sclaa.com.au

[Road Safety Summit 8th & 9th December 2009.](#)

Lloyd's List DCN is proud to host its inaugural Road Safety 2009 in Melbourne this December. Bringing together transport operators and associations, academics and risk and safety professionals, the Summit will facilitate an open exchange on current policy and future planning priorities in order to share best practice and move towards creating a safer and more secure road network. ALC members will receive an exclusive 10% discount. For more information go to: www.informa.com.au/roadsafety.

[Victoria Transport Infrastructure Summit 9-10 November 2009](#)

Now in its 7th year, the Victorian transport infrastructure summit has developed into a pivotal forum for industry, transport users and government representatives to exchange open and practical discussions on current projects and future planning developments. Delegates at the event will have the opportunity to discuss the \$38 billion Victorian Transport Plan and assess the planning, funding and strategy necessary to ensure Victoria's sustainable transport future. For more information go to:

<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/transport/infrastructure/victorian-transport-infrastructure-2009>

Western Australia

[2009 CILTA /SCLAA West Australian Transport and Logistics Awards 14th November 2009.](#)

The Honorable Simon O'Brien MLC Minister for Transport is pleased to offer his support for the 2009 West Australian Transport and Logistics Awards. These prestigious awards, which have been presented for 11 years, are designed to recognise and encourage best practice within the field of Transport and Logistics. For more details go to www.cilta.com.au WA Events.

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