



FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Hon Bill Marmion MLA
Minister for State Development; Transport; Innovation.
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Dear Minister

Since taking over as Chair of the Council in July of this year, I have made a practice of writing to the Minister after each of our monthly meetings with an update on what was discussed.

Notwithstanding that I am due to meet with you shortly, I thought it may be valuable to continue this practice.

The Council met on 27 October and the following matters were discussed:

Regional Freight Strategy

Your Department provided an update on progress with initiatives identified in the Regional Freight Strategy published by the Government in 2013. This update proved most helpful as most industry members were unaware of the Strategy's subsequent implementation. They were impressed by the steady progress on the full range of identified initiatives, even acknowledging the change in economic climate since the Strategy was developed.

Freight Rail Noise Project

This project is a key focus for the Council at present. It involves industry working with Government to identify and introduce operational measures to reduce freight rail noise in the metropolitan region. This is an important initiative in achieving a sustainable balance between the needs of the community and those of the economy, a balance that the Council has long argued is inadequately dealt with by present State land use planning policy. The other reason for this project's importance is that it establishes a new template for the Council's work that will see industry contributing funding and expertise to projects of economic benefit to themselves and to the State.

Heavy Road Vehicle Initiatives

Main Roads WA has a range of new policy approaches coming forward to increase truck productivity, many of them based on emerging technology. Industry is vitally interested in the progress of these approaches and we are hopeful that several projects will be identified where a private/public partnership can be adopted consistent with the Council's new approach that will assist the implementation process.

Perth Transport Plan

The Council was asked by the Government to coordinate an industry response to the Perth Transport Plan published earlier this year. This has been done and a submission on the issue made. Industry's key message in response is to highlight the need for long term certainty if it is to play a

constructive role in the implementation of good Government policy, particularly in respect of infrastructure investment. While the majority of initiatives identified in the Perth Transport Plan do enjoy widespread support facilitating strong industry involvement, there are several key areas where this is not the case.

Minister, we can no doubt discuss these and other matters relating to the Council when we meet shortly.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Lockwood
Chair
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