



FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Hon Dean Nalder MLA
Minister for Transport
Dumas House
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Dear Minister

Council Update

At its latest meeting on 25 August, the Freight and Logistics Council of WA discussed a variety of issues that will be of interest to you.

a) A New Model for the Council

In recent one-on-one meetings with all members, I found a strong view that the Council would better fulfil its role of providing you with industry advice if it was somewhat more independent of Government in terms of both organisation and resourcing. I subsequently discussed this view with your Chief of Staff, who was enthusiastic about the approach. At the recent meeting, members agreed that such a Council model should be examined. I am due to see you in October, at which time, I will put before you a number of related proposals.

b) Heavy Vehicle Productivity

At the recent meeting, Main Roads described its RAV Network Access Strategy and associated Strategic Road Freight Network, together with various other strategies to lift heavy vehicle productivity in the regions. Members firmly endorsed these initiatives and it was decided that a Council Working Group of industry members would be established to assist Main Roads progress the initiatives.

c) Perth Freight Transport Network Plan

The Department of Transport has asked the Council to coordinate an industry response to the five freight priorities identified in the Perth Freight Transport Network Plan. Separate Working Groups comprising industry representatives are examining each of the five priorities. Their findings will be consolidated into an overall response to the Plan on behalf of industry.

d) Freight Rail Noise

Based on its extensive research into the issue, the Council continues to put the case to the Department of Planning that the freight rail industry, and communities living adjacent to rail corridors, each need better protection in land use planning policy. There are encouraging signs that the Department is starting to accept the Council's views. That discussion relates to new developments in green-fields locations. In the brownfields situation of established suburbs, the focus is more on the rail industry itself addressing sources of operational noise. The Council is overseeing a joint industry-Government initiative to do this, with both sides providing funding and resources to progress the work. (This approach represents a useful case study as members consider a new model for the Council itself.)

I look forward to discussing these and other issues with you shortly.

Yours sincerely

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Chair
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