



FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

*26th July 2018, 8am – 10am
Brookfield Place Tower 2, Perth CBD*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were:

- Annual General Meeting – report on 2017 / 2018 activities and finances;
- Developing a social license for freight;
- Freight rail noise;
- State Planning Policy 5.4;
- Inner harbour logistics;
- Charging for access to local roads;
- Development of a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy;
- Draft Market-led Proposals Policy; and
- Concerns regarding driver skills shortages.

A presentation was also provided on the Westport project.

ACTION SHEET

- Undertake initial research tasks on the social licence initiative and report back to the Council in September 2018.
- Gail McGowan to table with the State Planning Policy 5.4 Working Group the opportunity for the Council to provide a briefing to working group members.
- Nicole Lockwood to report back to the Council in September 2018 on the outcomes of the Cabinet briefing on inner harbour efficiencies.
- Members to consider what role industry might play in the development and implementation of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.



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NOTES OF MEETING

Those present included:

- Nicole Lockwood, Chair;
- Nina Lyhne, Department of Transport;
- Gail McGowan, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Laurie Shervington, Ports WA
- Claire Walker, Arc Infrastructure;
- Ricky Burges, WALGA;
- David Paton, CBH;
- Grant Thompson, Watco;
- Andrew Ford, Chamber of Minerals and Energy Representative;
- Tim Dawson, Transport Worker's Union;
- Chris Cain, Maritime Union of Australia;
- Jeff Cassar, Maritime Union of Australia;
- Rebecca White, Office of Minister for Transport; and
- Kellie Houlahan, Freight and Logistics Council.

Guests

- Tim Collins, Westport Project Director

Agenda Item One: Opening Comments

Nicole Lockwood welcomed members, deputies and guests to the meeting.

Agenda Item Two: Annual General Meeting

a) Annual Report

Under the Rules of Incorporation, the Council is required to conduct an Annual General Meeting in the first six months of each financial year. Nicole Lockwood highlighted what the Council delivered in 2017 / 2018, including submissions and presentations, as outlined in the Council's Annual Report. Nicole noted that the Council is now a strategic partner of the Australian Logistics Council, which provides an opportunity for the Council to engage at a national level on issues that are of relevance to Western Australia.



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b) Financial Statements

Kellie Houlahan presented the Financial Statements including a: Bank Reconciliation Summary; Statement of Receipts and Payments; and Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Kellie advised that the Council is governed by a Board consisting of the Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and a representative from the Department of Transport (as the funding agency). The Board meets three times per year and monitors activity and financial management. There is no mandatory audit requirement for the Council.

Agenda Item Three: Updates

a) Social Licence for Freight

Kellie Houlahan advised that the Social Licence Working Group has broken the social licence initiative into discrete tasks to assist in controlling project outcomes and managing related funding discussions.

The initial tasks were discussed and Kellie advised that the Council will fund the engagement of CGM Communications to undertake a desktop review, a workshop and to develop a scope for the required market research / community polling. A further update will be provided at the September meeting.

b) Freight Rail Noise

Kellie Houlahan provided an update on the Council's freight rail noise project. A process has been established for the centralised recording of complaints and a Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy has been developed to improve the way in which information regarding freight rail is shared with the community, Government and other key stakeholders.

Grant Thompson advised that the rail industry is looking at engineering solutions to reduce noise at source, however noted that this comes at a cost. He expressed a level of frustration from industry with the slow progress on State Planning Policy 5.4, and in particular the discussion on the LAm_{ax} noise metric.

c) State Planning Policy 5.4 (SPP 5.4)

Gail McGowan acknowledged the frustrations from industry and noted that this is a multi-faceted issue. She referred to the fact that in Western Australia noise controls are managed through the planning framework, as opposed to controls being implemented through building codes and regulations as they are in other parts of Australia.



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Gail advised that acoustic specialists are being engaged to conduct further noise modelling to provide an impact assessment of a LAmox noise metric on the development and freight industries.

Gail also advised that the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has agreed to reconvene an SPP 5.4 Working Group, comprised of the Director's General from Planning, Transport, State Development and Environmental Regulation. The Working Group will consider the issues raised in submissions on the draft SPP 5.4 Policy and seek resolutions for these.

Nicole Lockwood offered to provide a presentation to the SPP 5.4 Working Group on the Council's position on SPP 5.4 and Gail will advise accordingly.

d) Inner Harbour Logistics

Nicole Lockwood commented on the progress of the Government group which is examining ways to optimise the capacity of the inner harbour. It has been identified that in the current market climate, a 'whole of network' package of options needs to be considered to provide the required incentives to shift operator behaviour and therefore improve efficiencies.

Grant Thompson commented that there is demand to put more freight on rail, however they are unable to service the demand with the restrictions on current rail pathways. He also noted that this is an example of the need to develop social licence with the community, so the community understands the trade off from inefficient supply chains. Tim Dawson commented that there is frustration across his members and that he is supportive of a whole of network approach, looking at both road and rail improvements.

Nicole, Nina Lyhne and Alison Coates from Fremantle Ports recently briefed the Minister for Transport on this work and the Minister has requested that Nicole provide a presentation to Cabinet in September. Nicole will provide an update on the outcomes of the Cabinet briefing at the September meeting.

e) Local Government Access Charges

Ricky Burges commented that discussions are continuing between WALGA and Main Roads to understand the extent of the issue, the historical issues and to determine the best approach to treat new access applications. Ricky also noted that the WALGA State Executive has been briefed on the issue. Nicole Lockwood advised that if required the Council can bring together a working group of key industry stakeholders to work through options. It was suggested that this may be of value when there is clarity on the size of the problem.



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f) Wheatbelt Strategic Freight Network

Kellie Houlahan provided an update on a recent discussion with the Wheatbelt Regional Road Groups and CBH regarding the prioritisation of secondary road freight networks in the Wheatbelt region. Kellie also noted the parallel process the State Government is managing to develop a Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy (RARF). David Paton commented that CBH has been engaged in the development of the RARF Strategy and it is progressing well.

g) National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy

Representatives from the Federal Government were in Perth earlier in the week and Kellie Houlahan and Nicole Lockwood met with them to discuss their approach to developing the Strategy. A National Strategy and National Action Plan will be finalised in May 2019, with each of the States and Territories developing Implementation Plans by November 2019.

There was acknowledgement with the Government representatives that the Strategy needs to be a collaboration between Government and industry. Council members were asked to consider what they see as industry's role in the Strategy development and implementation, in particular what initiatives they see industry driving and being accountable for. Members were encouraged to consider this further and provide feedback at any time to Kellie.

Agenda Item Four: New Issues

a) Correspondence

Nicole Lockwood tabled correspondence from June and July 2018.

b) Market-led Proposals Policy

Kellie Houlahan noted the recently released draft State Government Policy on Market-led Proposals. Industry members were encouraged to review the Policy document and provide submissions by the 9th August 2018.

c) Updates from other forums

Nicole Lockwood advised that this would be a standing item on future agendas, providing Council members with the opportunity to provide updates from other groups or committees they are part of which are of interest and relevance to Council members.

Laurie Shervington advised that Ports WA is holding their quarterly meeting on Friday 27th July and this is an opportunity for each Port across the State to discuss their current issues. Tim Dawson advised that the Ministerial Heavy Vehicle Advisory Panel is currently considering and providing



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advice to Main Roads on the Local Government access charges. Jeff Cassar noted that the MUA is holding a Fremantle Town Hall meeting and meeting with the Minister in August.

d) Driver Skills Shortage

Tim Dawson provided an overview on the current shortage of truck drivers in Western Australia. This is a result of an aging workforce profile and lower numbers of people entering the profession. Western Roads Federation and the Transport Worker's Union are working together to identify opportunities to improve training, recognition of skills, wages and the work environment in an effort to attract more people to the profession.

A proposal has been provided to the Ministers for Transport, Education and Agriculture to undertake a feasibility study for a driver training college. Rebecca White advised that the Minister for Transport is aware of the issue and will consider the proposal.

Tim also spoke of a veteran's club initiative, where retired veterans from the industry are volunteering their time to visit schools to talk about their careers and the opportunities that a career as a truck driver offers.

Agenda Item Five: Presentation

a) Westport

Tim Collins provided an update on the Westport project where he spoke about the project work streams, peer review process, sustainability and environment frameworks for the project, indigenous engagement, community engagement and lessons learnt from his recent visit to the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam.

Agenda Item Six: General Business

No new items were raised in general business.

Agenda Item Seven: Closing Comments

Nicole Lockwood thanked all members for their participation. In closing the meeting Nicole noted that the Minister for Transport will attend the September Council meeting. Further details on the agenda for the September meeting with the Minister will be provided closer to the date.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th September with the venue to be advised.