



FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

*1st March 2018, 8am – 10am
Brookfield Place Tower Two, Perth CBD*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The key issues discussed at the meeting were:

- Infrastructure WA Proposal;
- Progress with container supply chain efficiencies;
- Progress with FLCWA submissions on State Planning Policies 5.4 and 4.1;
- Updates on Westport and the National Supply Chain Study;
- The FLCWA 2018 Work Program and membership; and
- Proposal for a WA Freight Summit.

ACTION SHEET

- Finalise and submit FLCWA response to Infrastructure WA proposal.
- Letters to be issued to appoint members to the Council and Working Groups for 2018.
- Letter to be prepared highlighting the concerns with low power lines and the economic impact on the movement of high wide loads.



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NOTES OF MEETING

Those present included:

- Nicole Lockwood, Chair;
- Andrew Ford, Chamber of Minerals and Energy Representative;
- Claire Walker, Arc Infrastructure;
- Cam Dumesny, Western Roads Federation;
- Paul Haigh, Aurizon;
- Ben Raisbeck, CBH;
- Simon Beresford, Linfox;
- Chris Cain, Maritime Union of Australia;
- Tim Dawson, Transport Workers Union;
- Peter Cassidy, Patrick;
- Stefan Reynolds, DP World;
- Laurie Shervington, Ports WA
- Chris Leatt-Hayter, Fremantle Ports;
- Steve Beyer, Department of Transport;
- Craig Manton, Main Roads WA;
- John Ruprecht, Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development;
- David Hay-Hendry, Minister Saffioti's Office;
- Kellie Houlahan, Freight and Logistics Council; and
- Mark Brownell, Freight and Logistics Council.

Guests

- Lance Glare, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Jamie Brady, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Agenda Item One: Opening Comments

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

Agenda Item Two: Presentation

a) Infrastructure WA (copy of presentation attached)

Lance Glare provided a presentation on the Infrastructure WA (IWA) Proposal, which is currently out for comment. There are two arms to the proposed IWA model – short, medium and long term planning; and business case evaluation. IWA will provide for better quality infrastructure proposals for high value projects (over \$100m) and low value, high risk projects. Lance provided an overview on



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the drivers for change; the benefits IWA will provide for industry and the community; and the governance model. The timeframe for the establishment of IWA is approximately twelve months, with the development of the long term strategy to informally commence in mid-2018. The long term strategy will cover a twenty-year period and will commence with a state-wide evidence based audit to determine what we currently have, what the projections for the State are and identification of the infrastructure gaps. It was noted and agreed that there is a critical need for the Strategy to address digital connectivity across regional WA. There was agreement with the view that the Council remain engaged as the initiative develops on behalf of the freight and logistics industry.

Agenda Item Three: Updates

a) Inner Harbour Logistics

Chris Leatt-Hayter provided an overview of the work being undertaken to identify opportunities within the container supply chain to improve the effectiveness of the land transport system and the way in which it integrates with the Port. This is being examined by a Fremantle Ports-sponsored study and the recommendations will be considered by a Government committee which has been established to consider container supply chain efficiency measures, particularly in the light of the Minister's strong commitment to containing community impacts associated with container truck movements. Three particular initiatives have been explored: incentives to encourage increased off-peak operations; greater transparency in the freight rail subsidy; and the introduction of larger-capacity trucks.

Nicole Lockwood said that this is an important process to ensure that a systems approach is taken to addressing efficiencies at the Inner Harbour. Nicole noted that when the recommendations are finalised a suite of options will be provided to the Minister for consideration.

b) State Planning Policies 5.4 and 4.1

The FLCWA prepared submissions on behalf of its industry members on State Planning Policy 5.4 (Road and Rail Noise) and 4.1 (Industrial Interface). Both policies are critical for the protection of freight corridors and industrial facilities (such as Ports and intermodal terminals), along with the optimisation of supply chains supporting strategic industrial facilities.

In regards to the submission on SPP 5.4, a number of meetings were held with key stakeholders across State and Local Government and the property and planning industries to share our recommendations and explain the research supporting these. This has generated a greater understanding of the importance of the protection of freight corridors and the Council will continue to work with these groups this year in promoting a greater understanding on this issue. The most contentious issue remains the noise metric and the FLCWA is considering alternate responses which may provide a similar outcome should its preferred approach not be accepted.



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c) Westport

Nicole Lockwood provided an update on the Westport project. Recent progress includes:

- Tim Collins has been appointed as the Project Director;
- Further recruitment is underway to fill key project roles and establish the project work streams;
- The next Stakeholder Reference Group meeting will be held on 15th March where there will be an overview of the Inner Harbour, along with a tour to the Outer Harbour.
- A number of submissions on the discussion paper were received and are being reviewed, with a response to the submissions to be provided in March;
- A peer review panel is being established to provide the project team with access to experts (both in Australia and overseas) across the various work streams. If members know of anyone who would be suitable as a peer reviewer, please provide names directly to Nicole.

d) National Supply Chain Study

Nicole Lockwood reported that meetings have been held with the expert panel and Planning and Transport Ministers in each State. A draft project report outlining the challenges and a list of priorities has been provided to Minister McCormack's office, with the intention being to finalise the report by mid-March. It is then expected that the final Strategy will be available by November 2018.

Agenda Item Four: New Issues

a) 2018 Work Program and Membership

Nicole Lockwood spoke about the new approach for the Council in 2018, including a new work program and new membership structure. The work program highlights 8 key issues for the Council to focus on this year, a number of which will require working groups to lead and progress the discussion and relevant actions. The working groups will be the drivers of the work program. They will be responsible for identifying, examining and suggesting industry positions on issues. They will comprise Council and non-Council members who are experts in the issues under discussion and the Council will establish these groups and bring them on progressively. Key issues for initial consideration in the work program include: freight rail noise; Inner Harbour efficiencies; Westport; and local government access charges. It is acknowledged that other issues may arise across the course of the year.

With the focus being on the working groups, Nicole spoke about the Council becoming more of a review and governance body, with meetings held every two months. It will be smaller in size, with membership reflective of asset owners (road, rail and ports), industry representatives across modes, union representatives and the key Government policy agencies.



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Nicole reported that the Minister has endorsed the work program and the new membership structure and that letters will be issued from the Minister formally appointing Council members for 2018.

There was discussion among members regarding the importance of strengthening the social license for freight. Nicole Lockwood advised that there are recommendations in the National Strategy Report which highlight the need to focus on a social license for freight, particularly in the tertiary and planning sectors. Some members are working on this within their individual organisations and it was agreed that there is a need for common messaging and a collaborative approach. This will be progressed through the FLCWA work program.

b) WA Freight Summit

Cam Dumesny spoke about a Western Roads Federation initiative to hold a freight summit, which would target non-transport companies to elevate the profile of the freight and logistics industry. Cam said the event would be an opportunity to highlight the importance of freight and logistics with those outside the sector, such as the broader business community, the property industry, local governments, horticulture, agriculture, mining and oil and gas industries. Cam will work with the FLCWA to scope the focus and agenda for the event.

c) Other Issues

Cam Dumesny raised the issue of low power lines and the impact this is having on the movement of high wide loads. Cam stated that there needs to be a dialogue between the Government and Western Power on this issue. Cam and Craig Manton will prepare a letter for Nicole Lockwood to send to the Western Power CEO addressing the issue.

Cam Dumesny highlighted concerns his members have regarding delays to the issuing of permits to move high wide loads from Western Australia to Queensland. Permits were not issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator after a 100-day period and therefore a decision was made to move the freight by barge. Cam spoke of the economic impact and advised that Western Roads Federation is supporting the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator in advocating for State Governments on the east coast to adopt the same model as Western Australia where a networks of state and local roads are published, streamlining the permit approval process.

Agenda Item Five: Closing Comments

In closing the meeting, Nicole Lockwood thanked members for their valuable input and support for the Council going forward with its new model. Nicole advised that the next Council meeting will be held on 29th March and will be the first meeting for the year with the new membership in place.