



FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

Meeting
29 March 2018
Main Roads WA. Perth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were:

- developing a social license for freight;
- freight rail noise and vibration;
- charging for use of local roads;
- Inner Harbour supply chain; and
- supply chain strategy for the agricultural region.

ACTIONS

- Social License Working Group to be established and make recommendations to Council.
- Rail Freight Noise Working Group to develop strategies and report back to Council.
- Form a Working Group on Local Council Road Charging to provide direction on issue.
- Consider a Working Group to provide industry advice to Government examination of agricultural region supply chains.
- Establish an Inner Harbour Working Group to maintain industry input to current Government deliberations.



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NOTES OF MEETING

Those present included:

- Nicole Lockwood, Chair;
- Andrew Ford, Chamber of Minerals and Energy;
- Grant Thompson, Watco;
- Scott Woodward, Toll Group;
- Todd Emmert, QUBE;
- Ben Hayward, Arc Infrastructure;
- David Paton, CBH Group;
- Kevin Brown, Perth Airport;
- Cam Dumesny, Western Roads Federation;
- Ricky Burges, WA Local Government Association;
- Chris Cain, Maritime Union;
- Tim Dawson, Transport Workers Union;
- Chris Leatt-Hayter, Fremantle Ports;
- Laurie Shervington, Ports WA;
- Richard Farrell, Office of Minister for Transport;
- Steve Beyer, Department of Transport;
- David MacLennan, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Des Snook, Main Roads WA; and
- Mark Brownell, Freight and Logistics Council of Western Australia Inc.

Guests included:

- Daniel Smith, CGM Communications; and
- Anthony Fisk, CGM Communications.

AGENDA ITEM ONE: OPENING COMMENTS

Nicole Lockwood welcomed those present to the first meeting of the restructured Council, with particular note of first-time members QUBE and Perth Airport, together with new representatives of existing Council member organisations.



AGENDA ITEM TWO: SOCIAL LICENSE FOR FREIGHT

Daniel Smith from CGM Communications discussed this issue. He introduced the notion of social licence and why it is important that industries have it. Daniel suggested that a number of current economic and social trends meant that the freight and logistics sector should pay greater attention to the issue. He noted the benefits should that occur and discussed the ten key considerations in developing better social license. These included the audience, allies, the message, channels, footprint, duration and resourcing. Daniel concluded by suggesting four steps in developing a social license campaign. (A copy of Daniel's presentation is attached to these notes.)

In discussion, there was agreement that negative community reaction to freight has sometimes made related infrastructure investment difficult and constrained Government policy, the Perth Freight Link being the most recent example. Given the fundamental importance of freight to the wellbeing of the economy and the community, this situation represented a major difficulty that would only get worse if left unaddressed.

There was agreement that a Working Group be established to examine social license for the freight and logistics industry.

AGENDA ITEM THREE: RESTRUCTURED COUNCIL

Nicole Lockwood discussed some of the key features of the restructured Council including:

- issue-specific working groups being the key Council means to examine current matters and recommend actions;
- the Council to reposition as a review body that considers recommendations and advises the Minister;
- member organisations to be represented at Council meetings at the most senior level, with meetings held on a fixed schedule every two months to facilitate; and
- should the normal member not be available for meetings, a designated deputy at the next level down attend to maintain continuity and seniority within the group.

AGENDA ITEM FOUR: CURRENT ISSUES

a) Freight Rail Noise

Mark Brownell described the background to this project for the benefit of those new to the Council. He said that the work was aimed at understanding community concerns about rail freight noise and vibration and developing resultant strategies with the aim of avoiding



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operational restrictions. Mark said that a major noise and vibration monitoring exercise had been conducted late last year using funding from Council members. A Working Group comprising the rail industry and relevant Government agencies/departments was presently considering the results. Early examination suggested a relatively low level of exceedance above expectations which was encouraging. However, while community complaints are presently quite small in number, they are expected to increase with population growth and policies such as urban infill. The Working Group is continuing to analyse the results from the monitoring exercise and will report further at the next Council meeting.

b) Local Roads

Cam Dumesny reported that with the introduction of high capacity trucks to increase the productivity of the road transport industry, local councils were becoming more concerned about damage to local roads. Councils were reacting in different ways and the resultant inconsistency created problems for industry. Des Snook agreed that there needed to be a common approach across local councils and said that some of the present approaches may have legal issues. Nicole Lockwood suggested that legal advice was needed as to which approaches were acceptable and some idea gathered as to the significance of the problem. Then a Working Group could be formed to bring the relevant parties together.

c) Inner Harbour Supply Chain

Steve Beyer said that the Government group examining the issue was narrowing down the means of providing greater supply chain efficiency, such as more off-peak movements, high productivity vehicles, truck accreditation and enhancing the rail option. More work was being conducted on these to better understand the consequences of their introduction. Nicole Lockwood said that the Council was well placed to assist progress of these initiatives and suggested the formation of a related working group. She also stressed the urgency in giving the Minister related advice.

AGENDA ITEM FIVE: STANDING UPDATES

a) Westport

Nicole Lockwood said that the Westport team had engaged comprehensively with all stakeholders about the scope and direction of this project and the results would be available shortly. The feedback had allowed the formation of various workstreams and these would conduct technical work over the coming six months with a view to a detailed update in



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October. A draft report would be available in mid 2019 and a final report delivered to Government in September 2019.

b) National Supply Chain Study

Nicole Lockwood noted that the report on this work was in its final stages and the document would be released shortly. There would be the opportunity for the Council to examine the report and related strategy from a Western Australian position.

AGENDA ITEM SIX: OTHER ISSUES

a) Supply Chain Strategy for Agricultural Region

Steve Beyer said that the Government wanted to bring together a number of issues which impacted the agriculture supply chain to achieve an overall policy approach. These included Tier 3 rail lines, required freight rail investment, the secondary road network and CBH bin rationalisation. The initial focus would be on the Wheatbelt, but would subsequently consider the Great Southern and the Mid-West. Some results from the exercise should be available later in the year. Nicole Lockwood suggested that there would be value in industry input through the Council.

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN: CLOSING COMMENTS

Nicole Lockwood thanked members for their time and input at the meeting. She said that the next meeting was scheduled for the same time and place on Thursday 31 May. The meeting was closed at that point.