



---

## FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

---

*31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, 8am – 10am  
Brookfield Place Tower 2, Perth CBD*

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were:

- developing a social license for freight;
- State Planning Policy 5.4;
- freight rail noise;
- inner harbour logistics;
- charging for access to local roads;
- strategic freight networks in the Wheatbelt region; and
- development of a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

Presentations were also provided on Qube's Moorebank project and the Westport project.

### **ACTION SHEET**

- Council's Social License Working Group to further refine the scope of a campaign, consider opportunities to connect with the work of other organisations, test the market and present a proposed approach to the Council for endorsement.
- Report back to the Council on the outcomes of a meeting with Minister Saffioti regarding State Planning Policy 5.4.
- Report back to the Council on the outcomes of a meeting with Minister Saffioti regarding inner harbour logistics and assess the need to establish an Inner Harbour Working Group.



---

## FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

---

### NOTES OF MEETING

Those present included:

- Nicole Lockwood, Chair;
- Nina Lyhne, Department of Transport;
- David MacLennan, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Peter Woronzow, Main Roads WA;
- Chris Leatt-Hayter, Fremantle Ports;
- John Elkington, Ports WA
- Paul Larsen, Arc Infrastructure;
- Ricky Burges, WALGA;
- Maurice James, Qube;
- Scott Woodward, Toll;
- David Paton, CBH;
- Paul Hamersley, Watco;
- Cam Dumesny, Western Roads Federation;
- Andrew Ford, Chamber of Minerals and Energy Representative;
- Tim Dawson, Transport Worker's Union;
- Jeff Cassar, Maritime Union of Australia;
- Veronica Jeffery, Office of Minister for Transport; and
- Kellie Houlahan, Freight and Logistics Council.

Guests

- Daniel Smith, CGM Communications
- Anthony Fisk, CGM Communications
- Tim Collins, Westport Project Director

### **Agenda Item One: Opening Comments**

Nicole Lockwood welcomed members, deputies and guests to the meeting. Nicole tabled Council correspondence and submissions from April and May, which are available to view on the Council website.

### **Agenda Item Two: Social License for Freight**

Daniel Smith from CGM Communications presented the proposed objectives of a social license for freight campaign. He outlined the steps required to develop a campaign strategy plan and options, highlighting the importance of community research to understand levels of awareness and prevailing attitudes and focus groups to test campaign messaging.



---

## FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

---

In discussion there was general agreement on the importance of the research component with some members noting available research within their organisations. Campaign timing was discussed, noting that as this would be a longer term, ongoing campaign.

There was agreement that the Council's Social License Working Group will further refine the scope of a campaign, consider opportunities to connect with the work of other organisations, test the market and present a proposed approach to the Council for endorsement.

Andrew Ford provided a practical example from Centurion Transport's recent safety campaign and noted the positive impact it has had within the community and the broad audience it has reached through social media.

### **Agenda Item Three: Updates**

#### *a) Work Program Update*

Nicole Lockwood made reference to the Council's work program status update and commented that all projects are progressing well. Updates on the active projects were provided in the following agenda items.

#### *b) State Planning Policy 5.4 (SPP 5.4)*

Nicole Lockwood advised that recent meetings have been held with the Department of Planning, the Chair of the WA Planning Commission and policy advisors at Minister Saffioti's office to discuss the Council's position on SPP 5.4, particularly in reference to the noise metric in the Policy. A meeting will be sought with the Minister to discuss further.

#### *c) Freight Rail Noise*

Kellie Houlahan provided an update on the Council's freight rail noise project. The findings of the recent noise monitoring exercise have been reviewed by the Council's rail industry working group, with this work also informing discussions on SPP 5.4. Processes for the centralised recording of complaints and ongoing noise monitoring are being considered. A Communications Plan is being developed to improve the way in which information regarding rail noise is shared with the community and Government.

#### *d) Inner Harbour Logistics*

Chris Leatt-Hayter commented on the progress of the Government group which is examining ways to optimise the capacity of the inner harbour. Aspects being considered include: encouragement for movement of containers in off-peak hours; an increase in rail utilisation; and



---

## FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

---

improved truck efficiency (reducing empty running, improved truck fleet and road infrastructure upgrades). This will be discussed further with the Minister in June, following which a more detailed briefing will be provided to the Council in July. Tim Dawson commented that it is important that the Government looks at this issue using a system-wide approach, focusing on improving efficiencies for both rail and road transport. Nicole Lockwood noted that the Council's inner harbour working group could be established to provide industry input into the initiatives endorsed by the Minister.

### *e) Local Government Charging*

Peter Woronzow advised that discussions are occurring between Main Roads and WALGA to identify options to address the issue. Ricky Burges concurred that this is a challenging issue and that the engagement with Main Roads has been positive. Cam Dumesny noted that he had received a complaint from another of his members regarding a further Council charging for access. He stressed the importance of aligning any solutions with the national approach to heavy vehicle road reform. Cam also stated that Western Roads Federation is interested in engaging in discussion on how industry contributions can be a means to fund and bring forward infrastructure developments/upgrades.

### *f) Wheatbelt Strategic Freight Network*

Kellie Houlahan provided an update on recent discussions with Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt regarding the work they are undertaking to prepare a business case for investment in secondary road freight networks in the Wheatbelt region. The Council will facilitate discussions with this group and CBH, noting the parallel process the State Government is managing to develop a Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy.

### *g) National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy*

Nina Lyhne provided an update on the recent Transport Infrastructure Council (TIC) meeting, where State and Territory Transport Ministers received a presentation on the inquiry report into national freight and supply chain priorities. Nina commented that the proposed scope and purpose of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy were supported, with a twelve month timeframe for delivery of the strategy. For the strategy to be a success, Ministers noted that the three tiers of Government must be involved, with roles clearly outlined in the strategy. The Federal Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities will lead the development of the Strategy and Ministers are committed to industry consultation as the strategy evolves.

Maurice James, a member of the expert panel leading the inquiry, noted the importance of linking investment decisions across Governments to remove duplication and provide for the protection of freight corridors across the country.



---

## FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

---

### **Agenda Item Four: Presentations**

#### *a) Moorebank*

Maurice James provided a presentation on the development of Moorebank, which will be Australia's largest intermodal freight precinct. Maurice highlighted the drivers for the project, including the growth of the freight task and urban growth in western Sydney. Moorebank will provide for up to 850,000 square metres of integrated warehousing when fully developed, adding additional efficiencies which will drive demand for freight.

#### *b) Westport*

Tim Collins provided an update on the Westport project. Tim spoke about the project methodology and highlighted current project activities. The project remains on track for concept delivery at the close of 2019.

### **Agenda Item Five: New Issues**

Due to time constraints no new issues were raised. Members were encouraged to raise new items with the Secretariat out of session.

### **Agenda Item Six: Closing Comments**

Nicole Lockwood thanked all members for their participation. In closing the meeting Nicole noted that Mark Brownell will be retiring from the Council at the end of June. Nicole acknowledged Mark's contributions to the industry during his time with the Council and particularly thanked him for the support he has provided to her since her commencement as Chair.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July with the venue to be advised.