



Central Queensland Supply Chain Forum

The Queensland Transport & Logistics Council (QTLC) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) are hosting a regional supply chain forum in Emerald on 21 February 2014. The forum is part of a broader freight study that seeks input from regional business, local government and industry leaders on aspects of freight efficiency and supply chain optimisation. The TMR study project is focused on the efficient two-way operation of rail freight services supported by an intermodal terminal (Inland Port) located at or near Emerald.

In terms of safety, TMR has been working with fuel industry representatives to develop a logistics model for transporting fuel by rail from the ports of Mackay & Gladstone, addressing fatigue management issues associated with road freighting mining inputs to the proposed mines located near Alpha in the Galilee basin.

Initial consultation with rail operators, fuel companies and agricultural producers has identified that an inland port concept could facilitate a modal shift of mining inputs (fuel, cement, chemicals) and agricultural exports (grain, cotton, citrus) from bulk freight movements by road, to containerised freight movements by rail using combinations of road, rail and sea transport to optimise CQ supply chain performance.

The project has two distinct areas of focus:

- Rail infrastructure (corridor, available land, track condition, potential upgrades)
- Logistics & Modelling (freight contestability, trade dynamics, supply chain optimisation)

A regional Industry forum will be hosted by the QTLC and TMR, in conjunction with the Central Highlands Development Corporation breakfast to be held on 21 February 2014, at the McIndoe Park Function Centre, 2 Opal Street Emerald QLD 4720 Australia.

The event is open to Central Queensland business and industry representatives who have an interest in improving CQ supply chain performance.

Registrations close 14th February 2014. Morning tea, refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.



Toll Intermodal Terminal near Townsville: an example of inland port design