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A word from our Chairman, Neil Findlay



The QTLC and its members would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families, a safe and festive Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. The QTLC looks forward to consolidating on its achievement of 2010, including the; Remote and Indigenous (Food) Supply Chain Study (RISCS), Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland (IFSQ) and RTTI (Real Time Traffic Information Project). 2011 presents new challenges, particular as we focus on outcomes that will generate tangible benefits for the freight and logistics industry through the formation of our working groups.

Neil Findlay
Chairman, QTLC

Freight Smart Grant Scheme

The Freight Smart program offered dollar-for-dollar grants for applicants to present innovative proposals with potential to positively impact on the Queensland freight industry's energy and economic efficiency.

The QTLC is pleased to announce the successful applicant for one of the \$50,000 grants as Cannon Logistics and wishes to congratulate them on the high calibre of their proposal. The recipient of the second grant is still being considered, with two contenders presenting strong submission. The outcome will be finalised in the New Year and published in the next edition of the QTLC Newsletter

The QTLC is excited about the prospect of supporting Queensland industry in trialling and evaluating the freight initiatives presented by the recipients of the grants. The results have real potential for significant environmental benefits and positive impacts for the Freight and Logistics industry.

Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland update

The draft Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland (IFSQ) was released on the TMR's website (<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Business-and-industry/Transport-sectors/Freight/Integrated-Freight-Strategy-for-Queensland.aspx>) on 24 November 2010 for broader industry and community feedback until late January 2011.

The draft Strategy is a culmination of intensive research and targeted stakeholder consultation and aims to provide direction and a framework for integrated freight solutions for Queensland.

The QTLC has played an active role in the development of the IFSQ and has undertaken an extensive statewide program of industry consultation, providing industry with an additional avenue for constructive input to current and future freight needs. The QTLC will continue contributing to the implementation of the IFSQ across the state through the activities of its working groups.

QTLC hosts Chinese delegation

The QTLC Chair Neil Findlay, QTLC Secretary Nicki Milios and TMR representative Ross Mensforth (Director, Freight Policy) had the pleasure of hosting a Chinese delegation from the province of Hunan and the city of Suzhou in China. The delegates represented various government departments and industry. The visit proved a success, with the visitors exhibiting a genuine interest in QTLC's role as conduit for the Queensland government and Industry.



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Neil Findlay enjoyed the opportunity to impart to the group the opportunities and challenges that Queensland will encounter as the future freight demand is expected to grow at a faster rate than the population. He outlined the QTLC's plans to play a proactive part in facilitating positive outcomes for the future freight task. Ross Mensforth provided an overview of the Integrated Freight Strategy and highlighted the importance of industry and government working collaboratively.

The exchange proved fruitful and highlighted the QTLC's future direction and its potential to significantly influence and impact on freight efficiency across Queensland.

QTLC working groups

The IFSQ consultation process highlighted issues from the state-wide consultation and the need for the council to appoint a number of working groups to create better freight outcomes for Queensland. As such working groups will be established with the first meetings to be held in early February. Membership for each working group is currently being finalised with membership being canvassed across both the freight and logistics industry and government (both state and local representatives).

The QTLC has established the following working groups:

- Access and Regulation (Chair – Mark Johnston) will aim to facilitate improved access to the freight network for High Productivity Vehicles and PBS approved vehicles, including 'last mile' issues, to increase efficiencies by facilitating regulatory consistency and harmonization across jurisdictions.
- Intermodal (Chair – Andrew Rankin) will focus on inter modal issues, especially to facilitate a greater use of intermodal solutions. International freight, especially containerised freight, would become part of its purview.
- Infrastructure (Chair to be determined) will examine the freight impacts of current and proposed infrastructure and ensure that future infrastructure is integrated with land use planning.

Please contact Nicki Milios on 3306 7432 or admin@qtlc.com if you would like to contribute to creating freight solutions across Queensland by participating in any of the respective Working Groups.

QTLC strategic planning session outcomes

The QTLC Strategic Planning Session was held 29 September from 1.30pm – 5.30pm and was facilitated by Mark Vincent of Insightplus.

The Strategic Planning session was held to guide QTLC in setting their direction and focus for the future and to ensure that QTLC members have clear understanding of their performance as a collective and how it will be measured.

The following outcomes that emerged from the planning session:

QTLC's purpose and role:

- Provide high level conduit to key decision makers in government and broad industry, offering advice on key freight-related matters in support of more efficient freight movement in Queensland to ensure the best economic, safety and environmental outcomes for Queenslanders.



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The following Strategic Priorities were identified:

- QTLC Resources and operations – systems, structure, funding
- Membership composition and attraction to the QTLC
- Establishing and communicating QTLC's identity
- Determining the role QTLC can and should play in managing the impacts of economic growth
- Map of the freight territory across government and industry.

The QTLC will actively progress these priorities; some of these will be captured in the activities of the working groups whilst other priorities will be addressed through existing QTLC mechanisms.

Australasian Ports and Harbours Congress 2011

The Australasian Ports and Harbours Congress 2011 which will be held in Brisbane at the Stamford Plaza on Feb 2011 and hosted by Terrapinn.

The Congress will feature 50+ speakers, including CEO presentations from ports such as Antwerp, Hamburg, South Louisiana, Sydney, Melbourne, NZ, PNG, Indonesia and more. Industry luminaries will cover such topics as:

- How to double annual freight volume
- How to implement an organisational approach to future growth
- How to prepare and package your port expansion project for financing
- How to remain relevant and attractive in an increasingly competitive environment
- How to improve port productivity by evaluating logistics and supply chain processes.

For more information on the programme for the congress please visit the following website: www.terrapinn.com/2011/ports

Higher productivity vehicles (HPV) seminar

The QTLC conducted an HPV seminar on 4 November 2010 which focused on the key freight corridors supporting the Port of Brisbane's landside interface. The seminar aimed to highlight a number of issues of interest to industry and government in relation to freight efficient vehicles in the context of the Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland (IFSQ), which is being developed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) with assistance from the QTLC.

The seminar was a great success based on the feedback received from attendees. The QTLC believes that regular sessions of this type would be useful given the impact HPVs, particularly those operating within the Performance Based Standards Scheme can have on reducing the number of trucks on the road, equipment cycle rates, congestion management and transport chain improvements.

The Seminar addressed issues such as:

- Performance Based Standards (PBS)
- The development of PBS compliant vehicles
- HML route network assessment and development of HPV
- Impacts of current and future infrastructure upgrades on freight network efficiency
- Process for approving PBS compliant vehicles

Speakers provided further insight into emerging issues such as TMR's proposed rationalisation of the current mass concession schemes including: Mass Export Management Scheme, Mass Import Management Scheme and HML.



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The process of approving route access for PBS compliant vehicles was outlined. It required a substantial investment by TMR in resources and funding. As a result TMR may require industry to pay for additional route assessments which do not have a whole of freight network benefit.

TMR noted that the current Super b doubles operating at the port will not be given access beyond Port Gate as they are not PBS-approved vehicles. TMR is committed to the national PBS Scheme. Other 4 TEU combinations which meet PBS standards eg, the new A double may be granted access.

The current range of Super b doubles operating at the port is unlikely to be given access beyond Port Gate as they are not PBS-approved vehicles. Other 4 TEU combinations which meet PBS standards developed by the NTC will be granted access.

An MOU between DTMR and PBPL will be developed to cover the requirements of both organisations for vehicle access and regulation, including permits for HPVs.

Other Activities

Queensland Transport & Logistics Council has been represented by chair Neil Findlay at the following forums:

- Ports Australia Conference
- AusIntermodal Conference
- Australian Freight Council Network Forum
- Surat Basin Infrastructure Forum

Diary Dates

February 9

QTLC Members Meetings 2010

February 21 - 23

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