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A
word
from our
Chairman,
Neil Findlay



2011 is positioning itself as one of history's most challenging years, both internationally and closer to home. The QTLC hope that you and those closest to you remained safe during the floods that ravaged Queensland. The direct impact and subsequent ripple effects created by the floods continues. The personal cost to our community is immeasurable; the cost to industry will continue to have long term affects, particularly as the original damage bill has exceeded original expectations. The QTLC will do it's utmost to contribute to long term solutions through it's provision of advice and support. Above all, recognise that challenge and opportunity are really synonyms, and should be interchangeable in the same breath.

Neil Findlay
Chairman, QTLC

QTLC working groups

The QTLC's recent consultation facilitation provided a consistent industry-wide approach informing the actions being generated from Transport and Main Roads' Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland (IFSQ). To support the further implementation of IFSQ, the QTLC has established working groups to focus on the key issues that emerged from the QTLC consultation process across industry they are:

- Access and Regulation (Chair - Mark Johnston)
- Infrastructure and Planning (Chair - Andrew Rankin)
- Intermodal (Chair - Keith Hampson)

Time delays were experienced as a result of flood impacts, and membership for the working groups is still to be finalised.

Participation in working groups will involve garnering members' insight and views in their relevant area of expertise, with real potential to drive positive changes in these key areas and to impact positively on the freight and logistics industry state-wide.

The objective of each working group is outlined in the respective Terms of References and accessible on the TOR on the QTLC Website http://www.qtlc.com.au/News_And_Projects/Working_Groups/. If you are interested in participating in this exciting QTLC initiative please contact Renny Phipps 0439 898 483 or projectmanager@qtlc.com.au.

Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland update

The draft IFSQ was posted on the Transport and Main Roads (TMR) website for public consultation from 25 November 2010 - 11 February 2011. This forum provided an avenue for feedback and elicited responses from across industry and local government. Feedback received was positive and provided insight into freight concerns being faced across the community.

The comments received have been collated and incorporated in the final IFSQ document where appropriate. TMR) will progress the draft IFSQ through internal departmental approval process, before it is progressed to the Minister for subsequent Cabinet consideration.



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The draft IFSQ is creating a strategic framework that will guide freight activities across TMR, the wider government and industry. The document has already started to play a role in influencing operational activities and informing decisions across TMR

The draft IFSQ has generated significant amount of interest nationally and is recognised as a document that has both strategic and operational applicability.

Freight Smart Grant scheme

The QTLC together with TMR has offered to two grants of \$50,000 with the aim of encouraging and supporting Queensland based industries in identifying, trialling and evaluating innovative freight practices that will reduce urban congestion, minimise greenhouse gas emissions and deliver a more efficient and effective freight network.

The QTLC is pleased to announce the successful recipients of the two \$50,000 Freight Smart Grant Scheme, Cannon Logistics and Strategix. The two proponents presented proposals of a high calibre and have shown real potential to make genuine contributions to creating freight efficiencies for the freight industry across Queensland through their innovative concepts.

The next phase of the Freight Smart Grant Scheme will be to measure outcomes for each proponent through; running trials, capturing data and reporting results. This process will provide integrity to the data of each proposal and enable the evaluation of specific outcomes.

Once the trialling and evaluation process is complete and tangible outcomes have been unearthed, the QTLC looks forward to promoting the findings and sharing them with industry.

Australasian Ports and Harbours Congress 2011

The Australasian Ports and Harbours Congress 2011 was held in Brisbane at the Stamford Plaza in Feb 2011 and hosted by Terrapinn.

The Congress was attended by delegates and speakers from around the globe. The varied elements of port operations were captured by presenters including port operation, shipping, investment and infrastructure

It was a unique opportunity to receive the port perspective from different port operators and their specific experience. Whilst each port has challenges unique to their situation and jurisdictions, common challenges emerged such as supply chain issues, growth in trade and demand, supporting infrastructure, interface between port rail and road.

To provide a holistic view of ports and their operations, shipping companies also provided insight into the issues that they face when dealing with ports across the world and their different modes of operations.

Also conveying their port perspective were; mining sector, government, commodity entities, investors; highlighting the importance of interface between all elements to create port efficiencies.

The QTLC Chair Neil Findlay chaired proceedings on day three "Intermodal Logistics Day" of the congress and facilitated discussions on issues such as Evaluating logistics and supply chain processes to improve port productivity, and future outlooks for regional ports.

The Australasian Ports and Harbour Congress was a successful event, and provided attendees with the opportunity to exchange ideas and to learn from each other.



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National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) is driving a national program of micro-economic reforms in a range of sectors to produce single regulatory environments for the Australian economy.

As part of this reform, COAG announced in July 2009 the development of a national framework for the regulation of all heavy vehicles. To govern this framework, COAG agreed to implement a National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and a single National Heavy Vehicle Law (NHVL) by the end of 2012. In February 2010, Queensland was named host jurisdiction of the NHVR and NHVL.

The NHVR is an independent statutory body with an Act governing its powers to administer all heavy vehicle laws over 4.5 tonnes. The NHVR role is to improve road freight industry safety and productivity by removing inefficiencies arising from inconsistent jurisdictional requirements, and to streamline requirements to reduce costs and the regulatory burden on Australian transport companies.

The NTC is leading the consultation process and are currently running information sessions and industry forums around the country to ensure the heavy vehicle industry has their chance to provide their input on the on the single national heavy vehicle law. The public consultation period closes on 6 May 2011 and interested stakeholders are encourage to make written submission on the proposed law. For more information visit the website the National Transport Council website www.ntc.gov.au).

The harmonisation for regulation across the country will have significant impact on freight, crossing waters and the existing restrictions across borders.

Other Activities

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

- Australian Ports and Harbour Congress
- Australian Logistics Council Annual Forum

Diary Dates

May 6

Public consultation closes for National Heavy Vehicle Law

June 1

QTLC Members Meetings 2011

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