



QUEENSLAND TRANSPORT  
AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL

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A  
word from  
our  
Chairman,  
Neil Findlay



2011 has been a year of uncertainty and promise. The recovery after the Queensland floods was indicative of our spirit of survival and endurance, highlighting the importance of freight for Queensland communities.

The QTLC approaches 2012 with a renewed determination to address the many freight issues that affect Queensland.

The appointment of Dr Rebecca Michael as our CEO will significantly enhance the QTLC's ability to develop and deliver freight solutions for a growing industry in a growing state.

With Queensland's freight task growing at a rate faster than our population growth, the need for freight reform is becoming more urgent. The QTLC is now ideally positioned to address this growing freight challenge.

The QTLC and its members would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas season. We look forward to 2012 with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm.

The Queensland economy will not be sustainable with (s)low growth in our freight sector's productivity. Innovation is the genesis of improved productivity, and QTLC will work with government & industry to foster innovative practices, technologies and solutions to raise productivity levels in the sector.

Neil Findlay  
Chairman, QTLC

### Some of the areas where QTLC will be engaged in the next 1-3 years

#### *Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland*

QTLC will act as conduit between industry and TMR for the implementation of the Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland (the Strategy). It is important that we advocate the importance of the Strategy across the freight and logistics industry, and that we apply the extensive network resources of QTLC to further develop the Strategy in conjunction and consultation with TMR.

#### *Infrastructure and planning*

We need to be vigilant to ensure that consideration is given to the Strategy when implementing and developing metropolitan and regional planning schemes. This will mean engaging with all tiers of government (local, state and federal) to ensure that freight needs are recognised in the planning phase of infrastructure development.

Through the operations of the Infrastructure & Planning Working Group (I&PWG) and related activities, the QTLC will investigate impediments and gaps that currently exist in our freight networks, and develop practical and considered approaches to freight rather than retrospective fits.

#### *Supply chain efficiencies*

QTLC will support and improve Supply Chain Efficiencies through the activities of the Intermodal Working Group (IWG). The IWG will identify actions required to better facilitate the containerized supply chain.

The QTLC will also continue to support and contribute to efficient supply chains through its engagement with industry and government. We will actively research and promote enhancement of the rail freight sector within and across Queensland borders.

This is particularly important given rail's current poor market share of import/export general freight traffic, especially in the context of rapidly growing freight demand in Queensland.



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#### *Access and regulation*

QTLC will support and improve the efficiency of access and regulation across industry through the activities of the QTLC Access & Regulation Working Group (A&RWG).

The A&RWG is responsible for addressing a very broad range of issues impacting on the day-to-day operation of freight movement by transport mode within and across Queensland and international borders.

A&RWG acts to resolve conflicts that occur due to jurisdictional and infrastructure ownership and inconsistencies, onerous processes and lack of communication.

#### *National policy development*

We will continue to provide freight industry perspective on national policy developments potentially impacting on freight and logistics services in Queensland (Infrastructure Australia, the National Transport Commission, the ACCC and the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport.)

The QTLC will contribute to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) objectives and continue to engage with the Project Manager to identify impediments. The QTLC is negotiating pilot programs with the NHVR to stress test current real-world policies and procedural practices, with the objective to develop and demonstrate improved regulatory and operational practices that are capable of being adopted in multiple jurisdictions.

The QTLC will contribute to the ongoing research and development of other state and national reforms such as the National Ports Strategy, the National Land Freight Strategy, the National Rail Safety Regulator, and the National Maritime Safety Regulator implementation.

#### *Australian freight council network*

The QTLC has worked, and will continue to work collaboratively with other freight councils to progress joint national objectives with a view to improving outcomes collectively for the Australian freight and logistics industry.

#### *Improved freight effectiveness through improving environmental efficiencies*

In the near term QTLC will promote the Freight Smart Grant Schemes freight efficiency and environmental benefits across industry. QTLC will continue to actively pursue and foster innovative solutions to growing environmental challenges within the freight industry.

#### *Freight advocacy*

The QTLC will proactively work towards improving the profile of freight and promoting the importance of freight and how its efficiencies can impact on the supply of goods and services to the community. The QTLC provides a freight and logistics perspective on policy, strategies and planning across government to ensure that it is given consideration in the first instance rather than retrofitted.

#### **Launch of the Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland**

The Integrated Freight Strategy for Queensland (the Strategy) was officially launched by the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs on Friday, 9 December 2011. This is Queensland's first freight strategy, and it provides the vital framework for government and industry development of integrated freight solutions for Queensland.

Mark Johnston, QTLC Director and Deputy Chair attended the launch at Acacia Ridge Intermodal Terminal and said that the Strategy has "set the foundation for the industry and government to develop and implement strategies for the future".

The Strategy will provide a high-level strategic framework that supports more informed, consistent, coordinated and responsive strategies, plans and actions for the growing freight task

The QTLC is proud to have played an integral part in the development of the Strategy by facilitating an extensive state-wide program of industry consultation to inform the strategy

Mr Neil Findlay, QTLC Chair, says the collaborative working relationship between the Council and TMR, has been rewarding and believes that the Strategy will result in positive outcomes for both freight operators and freight users in Queensland.



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### NHVR Update

The Heavy Vehicle National Law was introduced into the Queensland Parliament on Tuesday 15 November. This first bill contains the provisions that create the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and marks another significant milestone for the reform.

The bill can be viewed at:  
<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bills/53PDF/2011/HeavyVNatLawB11.pdf>

The National Project Office has developed the Forward Works Program (FWP) that will be rolled out in three stages. Stage one is now focussed on the second Bill, which will include nationally agreed offence penalty provisions and outstanding policy issues considered essential enhancements to the first Bill.

Stage two of the FWP deals with operational preparation and covers the period March 2012 to December 2012. Stage three covers future policy reform analysis from July 2012 onwards, and includes any issues to be deferred and addressed after the NHVR commences operation in January 2013.

An NHVR Board consisting of 5 members will be established by February 2012. At its last meeting the Standing Council of Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI) invited the Honourable Bruce Baird AM to be the inaugural Chair of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Board. The Ministers agreed to undertake an international executive search for a Chief Executive Officer for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

### Working group progress

The formation of the QTLC Working Groups has created a platform for industry and government to exchange views on issues generated by QTLC's industry consultation on the Strategy.

The three working groups Access and Regulation (A&R WG), Infrastructure and Planning (I&P WG) and Intermodal (IWG) are at different stages of progress. Both the A&R and I & P have had three meetings and are currently reviewing draft reports provided by the Project Manager. These aim to provide government with recommendations to guide future activities and influence decisions, creating positive outcomes for freight.

The Access and Regulation Working Groups have identified the potential for the QTLC to work collaboratively with the NHVR by piloting programs that will emerge from the A&R WG group recommendations, providing the NHVR with an opportunity to have programs up and running before it starts officially operating across Australia in 2013.

The first Intermodal Working Group meeting was conducted 11 November 2011 at the Port of Brisbane and was primarily concerned with containerised freight issues and discussions identified the impediments to supply chain efficiencies.

For further information on the working groups Project Manager Renny Phipps is contactable at [projectmanager@qtlc.com.au](mailto:projectmanager@qtlc.com.au).



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### **Australia Ports and Harbour Congress 27-29 February, 2012, Brisbane**

The Australian Ports and Harbour Congress 2012, hosted by Terrapin, will be held in Brisbane at the Stamford Plaza. The QTLC is proud to endorse the event that brings together local and international port operators, exporters, shipping, stevedores, government and service providers.

It is a unique chance for key decision makers to align objectives, create partnerships, promote opportunities, overcome obstacles and share expertise.

At the Australasian Ports and Harbours Congress 2012 you will gain insight into:

- How to diversify your trade base like Port Kembla Port
- How to plan for growth in a regional context like Broome Port Authority
- How to grow port capacity to meet export needs like Fortescue Metals
- How to ensure world class terminal operations like Hutchison Port Holdings
- How to meet the needs of the growing cruise ship industry like Fiji Ports
- How to unlock export potential like CITIC Pacific Mining

Visit the terrapin website for more information: [www.terrapinn.com/portsandharbours/](http://www.terrapinn.com/portsandharbours/)

### **Other activities**

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

- AFCN meeting in Perth 20 - 21 October 2011.
- AusIntermodal conference in Sydney 7 - 8 November 2011.
- Port of Brisbane Forum 24 November 2011.
- SBENRC Seminar Brisbane 28 November 2011.
- DEEDI, Transport & Logistics Economics Opportunity Plan forum 5 December 2011.
- DEEDI Productivity Hubs Meeting 21 December 2011.

### **Diary Dates**

**1 February 2012**  
QTLC Members Meeting

**8 February 2012**  
Intermodal Working Group Meeting

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