



## Message from the Chair

In the new normal that is our globally challenged economy, industries are being challenged to deliver higher productivity in the face of difficult trading conditions.

Australia's export industries have not escaped this new normal and face 2013 with significant headwinds, including declining productivity.

With Transport & Logistics contributing at least 14% to our GDP and impacting every part of our economy, the need for the sector to pull its weight in productivity improvement is high.

In economic boom times, especially in fragmented dysfunctional supply chains, it is tempting to pass on costs without taking much effort to mitigate their impact.

However, 2013 will see Australia competing in vastly different times to those experienced even five years ago – our new normal, where we absolutely must seek out every increment of productivity improvement to support our businesses, and the greater economy.

Governments are already collaborating to deliver reforms a century in the making: National Regulators in road transport, rail and marine safety. Industry must now step up to the plate and collaborate cross-mode, cross-sector and cross-border to deliver the vital productivity gains so critical to the prosperity of our nation.

By any measure, even amid the challenges, competition and pressure there lies great opportunity to improve freight productivity in 2013.

Productivity is not someone else's problem.

## NHVR CEO Appointed

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulatory (NHVR) Board Chair Bruce Baird, recently announced the appointment of the NHVR's CEO, Richard Hancock. [Read more >>](#)



## Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill Introduced to QLD Parliament

The Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Bill 2012 was introduced into Queensland Parliament on 13 November 2012 and is expected to be passed in early 2013 depending on the Government's parliamentary priorities. [Read more >>](#)

## Strengthening Queensland's Supply Chains

The QTLC is developing a report, aimed at making strategic and operational recommendations to improve the development and sustainability of efficient and productive supply chains in Queensland. [Read more >>](#)

## QTLC Rail Forum

The QTLC is conducting a Rail Forum that will provide an opportunity for government and industry Government to work collaboratively to identify and respond to challenges that impact on the efficient movement of rail freight. [Read more >>](#)



## In2Green Improving Freight Industry's Bottom Line Through Eco Practices

In2 Green was the product which emerged from Strategix Training Groups successful submission for the Freight Smart Grant Scheme. The grants were offered by the QTLC and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to encourage innovative solutions to minimise greenhouse emission for the delivery of more effective freight network. [Read more >>](#)

## IceCold Trial Delivers Fuel and Carbon Emission Savings

Cannon Logistics' successful Freight Smart Grant Scheme proposal was the trialling and testing of IceCOLD® Synthetic Catalyst Technology (IceCOLD®). [Read more >>](#)



## IA Releases National Land Freight Strategy

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese released Australia's first National Land Freight Strategy on 7 September. The Strategy aims to build and maintain a modern, well-planned, efficient and safe freight and logistics network that supports Australia's future economic development. [Read more >>](#)

## Draft NSW Freight and Ports Strategy

On the 21st November, NSW Minister for Roads and Ports Duncan Gay MLC released the draft NSW Freight and Ports Strategy. [Read more >>](#)



## LNG Surat Basin Supply Chain

The Over Dimensional Vehicle / Cargo Workshop was held on the 26 July. Hosted by the Port of Brisbane, the objective of the Workshop was to identify impediments to the efficient transport of over dimensional (OD) cargo from the Port of Brisbane using supply chain corridors to the Surat, Bowen and Galilee basins. [Read more >>](#)

## Other QTLC Activities

The QTLC CEO and Chair actively represented the interest of the Freight and Logistics Sector at the following events:

- International Economic Development Conference - 18 September (Cairns)
- AusIntermodal Forum - 30th October (Melbourne)
- NTC Managing Traffic Issues Forum – (Port of Brisbane)
- Port of Brisbane End of Year Forum 29th November (Convention Centre)

## Upcoming Events

- QTLC AGM and Members Meeting: 6 February 2013
- Australian Logistics Council Forum: 12-14 March 2013
- QTLC Strategic Planning Day: 17 April 2013
- 4th Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference: 21-22 May 2013
- QTLC Rail Forum: TBA