



### A word from the Chair

Perspective can be a wonderful thing; it's healthy to pause periodically and reflect on the state of the nation; and what better place to start than with transport & logistics.

While tempting for some to criticize what has or hasn't happened, or the pace at which it is happening, the facts stand that the most significant National & State reforms for the past century are currently being undertaken.

Consider the National Land Freight Strategy, National Ports Strategy and National Urban Policies; each revolutionary and evolutionary in nature as they pursue better freight outcomes for Australia.

Significantly, we have far-reaching National reforms including the National Rail Safety Regulator, National Maritime Safety Regulator and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator being commissioned during 2013.

At the same time many State & Local Governments are developing strategies to enhance the productivity, safety and environmental performance of our supply chains.

QTLc is actively working with Governments and industries at all levels to see these long overdue reforms implemented and bear fruit.



### QTLc Annual Report 2012

2012 proved to be an extremely productive year, with the QTLc already achieving many of the strategic priorities and goals projected for the 2011 – 14 period. The QTLc's Annual Report 2012, outlines the activities undertaken by the Council.

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### Strengthening Queensland Supply Chain Report

The existing impediments to an efficient and sustainable supply chain are complex and varied. The added pressures of an expanding population, increased demands for goods and services and growth in industry, particularly in mining, can test the resilience of the supply chain.

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### North Coast Line (NCL) Supply Chain and Rail Forum



At the QTLc Freight Futures Forum held on 18 July 2012, critical issues associated with the transportation of freight on rail were identified by major rail users. Forum attendees noted specific challenges for the general movement of freight. It was acknowledged that to maintain the competitiveness and viability of rail, and to address these challenges, low cost priorities were required.



### QTLc Industry Associate Membership

As QTLc activities continue to build momentum, it is cognisant of the need to connect with industry. To facilitate this, the QTLc has developed a QTLc Industry Associate Membership and is seeking representatives from across industries to engage with the QTLc on issues that impact the efficiency of the freight transport system. publications and at QTLc events

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### Port of Brisbane (POB) and QTLc Import Export (IMEX) Logistics Chain Study

The QTLc Operational Plan 2012-2014 commits to activities related to the collection of survey information on industry issues and concerns and freight and logistics data to inform QTLc activities and strategic priorities.

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### QTLc Website Review

The appointment of the QTLc's CEO Rebecca Michael and the subsequent implementation of the QTLc Operational Plan 2012-2014 have seen an exponential increase in QTLc activities.

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### TMR Appoints new DG

On March 1, 2013 Transport and Main Roads Minister Scott Emerson announced the appointment of Neil Scales OBE as Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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### Toowoomba Bypass Forum 2013

The Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC) is a proposed bypass route to the north of Toowoomba, approximately 41 km in length.

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### QTLc Board Member Resigns

Hal Morris has resigned from his position of QTLc Board Member, a position he has held since April 2009.

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### QTLc Representation

- ALC Forum
- Toowoomba Range Bypass Forum
- Heavy Vehicle Action Plan Workshop
- North Coast Line Rail Forum

### Upcoming Events

- SEQ Regional Development Initiative Workshop 18th April 2012
- QTLc Members Meeting 1st May 2012
- 4th Annual Transport Infrastructure Conference 21st & 22nd May 2012