



A word from the chair

IF WE DE-RAIL AUSTRALIA, WE DERAILED AUSTRALIA

With infrastructure firmly on the agenda of the Abbott Government's first term of office, and key infrastructure projects currently being announced or determined in Queensland at present, the imperative to make long term decisions about Australia's supply chain needs is critical.

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Unlocking efficiency and productivity through supply chain coordination – a first in a series of Freight in Focus seminars

The QTLC is excited to bring to you the first in its series of "Freight in Focus" seminars. Unlocking Efficiency and Productivity through supply chain Coordination - a strategic response to the challenges of multiple participant supply chains and those sharing common infrastructure and services.

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Preparing for future growth in Central Queensland

The Central Queensland Supply Chain Forum held in Emerald on the 21st February proved a great success attracting 80 attendees from organisations and industries in the region. The breakfast event held by the QTLC together with the Department of Transport and Main Roads provided participants with an opportunity to assess the benefits and constraints associated with the establishment of inland port near Emerald.

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Queensland parliament inquiry into rail freight use by the agricultural and livestock industries

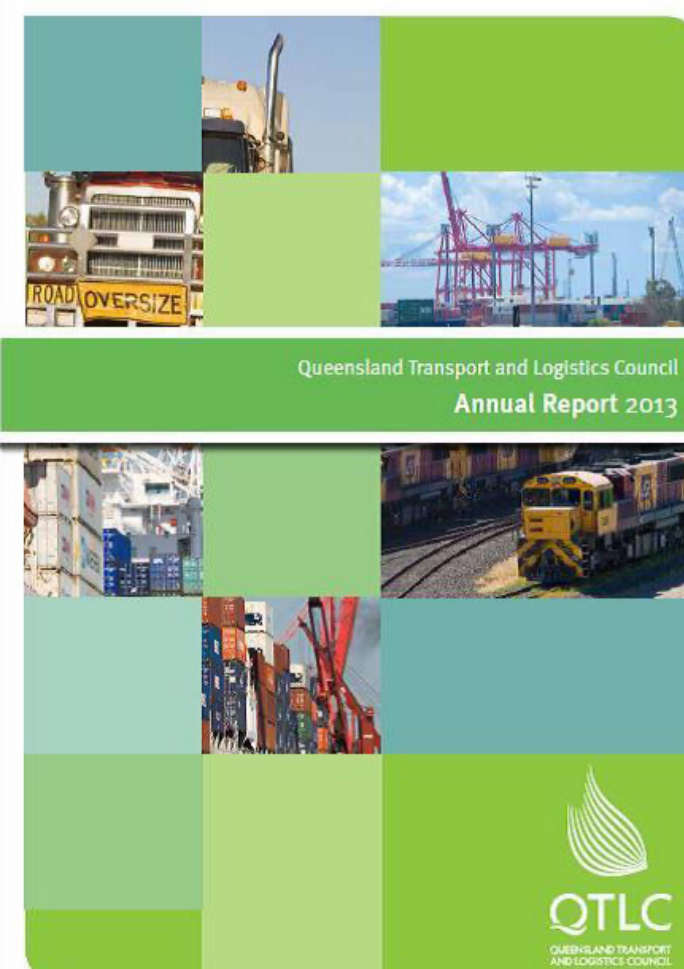
In October 2013 last year, the Legislative Assembly agreed to a motion that the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee inquire and report on options to incentivise the agricultural and livestock industry to utilise rail.

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QTLC's 2013 Annual Report released

The key achievements and activities of the QTLC for the previous calendar year have been highlighted in its 2013 Annual Report. 2013 proved to be another productive year, with a strong focus on addressing many of the outcomes identified in Strengthening Queensland Supply Chain Report.

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The Heavy Vehicle National Law commenced on 10th February

On 10 February 2014 the Heavy Vehicle National Law 2012 (HVNL) commenced, replacing existing laws governing the operation of all vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania.

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ARTC to investigate incorporating Queensland into national rail network

THE Federal and Queensland Government have agreed to investigate incorporating.

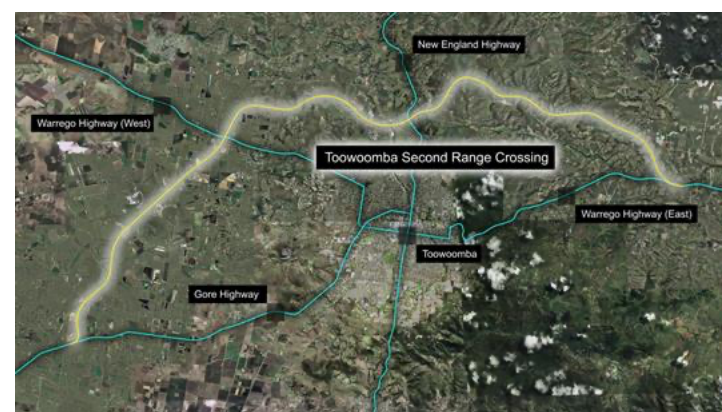
On 25th February, Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss and Queensland Transport and Main Roads Minister Scott Emerson announced an investigation into expanding the ARTC's 8,500km national network to incorporate Queensland's regional rail network.

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Toowoomba 2nd range crossing announced

The State and Federal Governments have given the green light to the Toowoomba 2nd Range Crossing (TSRC). The Announcement was made on 31 January 2014, and the procurement phase has already begun with "Register of Interest" being open to interested parties, documentation is available on the Projects Queensland website.

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Productivity Commission inquiry into public infrastructure: Draft report released

In 2013, the Australian Government initiated an inquiry into ways to encourage private financing and funding for major infrastructure projects, including issues relating to the high cost and the long lead times associated with these projects.

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Cutting livestock transport costs: CSIRO

A significant upgrade to Queensland's inland highway network could substantially reduce transport costs for the livestock industry, new research from Australia's scientific research body has found.

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Northern Australia white paper underway

THE Premiers of Queensland and Western Australia and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory recently agreed to join a new Strategic Partnership to inform the development and implementation of Australia's first Northern Australia White Paper.

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5th Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference 6 -7 May 2014

The 5th Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference provides delegates with an opportunity to discuss the topics and issues that impact delivering and maintaining Queensland's transport infrastructure.

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QTLC Representation

- Central Queensland Transport Supply Chain Forum
- Rail Freight Use by Agriculture and Livestock Industries Public Hearing
- Meeting with Minister– Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- Meeting with Assistant Minister Jamie Briggs – Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and Mr David Whitrow, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss
- QTLC Members Meeting
- QTLC Board Meeting
- Australian Freight Council Meeting
- Submission to Australian Government for ongoing funding for freight councils

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Upcoming Events

Unlocking Efficiencies and Productivity through Supply Chain Coordination
– Seminar Series Breakfast – 9 April

QTLC Members Meeting
– 5 May 2014

5th Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference
– 6 to 7 May 2014

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