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December Newsletter

A word from the CEO

Welcome to the first Queensland Transport and Logistics Council newsletter for the year, for me as the [CEO](#), and for a long long time. Digging into the archives I found the last newsletter was sent in 2014. If anyone has a copy it is a collectors item!

This is the start of a new journey for the organisation with a new refreshed [Board](#) led by Chair Neil Findlay, a new [Strategy and Operating Plan](#) and new look website www.qtlc.com.au. If you are interested in hearing more about us, please take a moment to like, join and participate in the debate on @MyQTLC socials [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and grow our base. I will endeavour to keep a steady flow of interesting articles posted for you to share.

The QTLC is a small, independent and nimble organisation. It exists to provide the freight sector - industry, regulators and government - with a platform to collaborate, identify strategic opportunities that increase the efficiency and sustainability of the supply chain and ultimately benefit Queensland.

The QTLC value centres on the breadth and depth of knowledge of people 'around the table' and the collective networks they can tap into. This key characteristic ensures that stakeholders in the freight industry are listened to collectively; there is greater responsiveness to issues because of shortened communication lines; there is a higher level of influence; strategic outcomes and results are more likely.

The year is coming to a close and most of you will be run off your feet in the lead up to Christmas. The National Transport Commission (NTC) certainly has a big job ahead delivering the Heavy Vehicle National Legislation (HVNL) reform before the end of the year. The Morrison government is handing out pre Christmas stimulus presents with [\\$1.9 billion funding for Queensland](#) road and rail infrastructure. Nation building [Inland Rail](#) is closer than ever with the intergovernmental agreement signed and the [Queensland Freight Strategy Action Plans](#) are underway.

In the new year QTLC will be looking to build on the program of work already commenced including investigating opportunities to increase freight on rail and raise the rail profile in Queensland, and developing a Sustainable Freight Framework.

QTLC will be closed over the Christmas break from 19 December to 13 January.

Wishing you all a very relaxing break, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Latest News



Photo source: ABC News Josh Bevan

Federal government brings forward \$1.9 billion investment in Qld road and rail infrastructure

Federal funding floodgates have been opened and Queensland road and rail projects already in the pipeline will be brought forward. The State has agreed to tip in a further \$609 million to boost the economy and jobs in regional Queensland read more [here](#)

Part of this funding package will go towards the business case for a dedicated freight corridor from Acacia Ridge to the Port of Brisbane with [\\$20 million set aside](#) for further investigation.

A further key milestone for Inland Rail has been reached with the [signing of the intergovernmental agreement in Toowoomba over the weekend](#).

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development [Michael McCormack said](#).

"Our government values the significance of this nation-building project for regional communities. More than 7,000 jobs and a \$7 billion boost to Queensland's economy will make a real difference to the people who live and work in this state."

Issues raised by the [Millmerran Rail Group](#), a collection of farmers from the Darling Downs in regards to route alignment is still to be resolved.

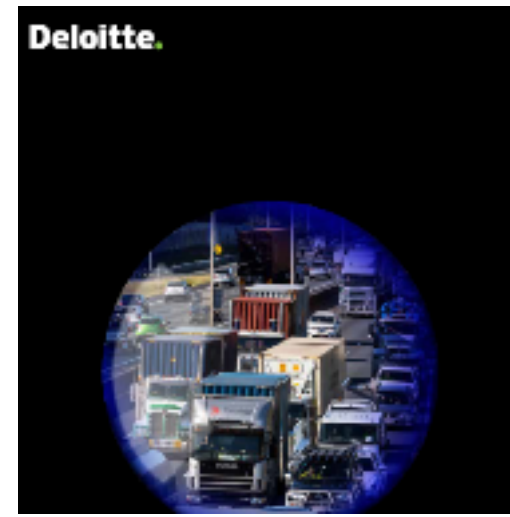
Government has responded asking ARTC to work directly with affected landholders to refine the design of the railway, [more here](#)

In other federal related news, Infrastructure Australia has approved the Queensland Government's project for widening the Bruce Highway from four to six lanes between Caboolture and Steve Irwin Way. For future funding the project is now on the priority infrastructure list more [here](#).

Interesting reads



[The Impact of Freight Costs on Australian Farms](#)



[Making the case for a dedicated freight rail link from Acacia Ridge to the Port of Brisbane](#)

This month's articles look at sustainability initiatives across the supply chain. Highlighting the freight industries increasing adoption of carbon reducing strategies.

Lets start with consumer's green ideals and beer

[VB Beer is going carbon neutral](#) by 2050 by utilising solar and in the [US, beer company Anheuser-Busch's](#) plans to roll out electric trucks throughout its entire long-haul fleet over the next five years in a bid to reduce carbon emissions by 25% by 2025 read full story [here](#).

Logistics companies are noticing the consumer trend and setting targets to demonstrate sustainable credentials.

Toll utilises Higher Productivity Vehicles, route optimisation technology and biofuel to meet its target of a 20% reduction in Greenhouse Gas Intensity by [by the end of 2020](#).

[DHL Supply Chain](#) increased its commitment to carbon neutral logistics by supporting a carbon offset project for the next three years, in partnership with Qantas Future Planet.

The [Qantas Future Planet program](#) commenced in 2007 and is the largest offset program of any airline. CEO Alan Joyce has set an 'ambitious but achievable target' of zero emissions by 2050, [more here](#).

The shippers are on there front line

Is Australia ready for the 1 January 2020 deadline to reduce sulphur emissions and meet the International Maritime Organisation [IMO 2020](#) emissions target. The [Norton Rose Fulbright report](#), provides a useful overview on all you need to know.

Some shippers are seeing first mover advantage in announcing carbon neutral targets. [Maersk is vowing to send goods](#) — everything from electronics to soybeans to sneakers — around the world with zero carbon emissions by 2050. Will this bold move pay off? Are customers willing to pay more?

Shippers are keenly aware of the impact climate change is having on their business. Extreme weather patterns are already causing disruption at ports. Add to this supply side issues including drought, cyclone and flood reducing agricultural production, plus upheaval in the world economy including [China / US trade war](#).

Alternative fuel what is available?

To meet the growing demand for clean energy alternative fuel sources are being investigated, LNG, algae, biofuels, hydrogen and many more. Maersk is betting big that the alternative fuel price will drop below crude oil and their billion dollar investments will pay off.

[Bloom Energy Corp.](#) is investing in fuel cell technology hoping the uptake will be faster than with road as the cells are better suited to ships. Others are looking at [solar](#) options which can be expensive and China has already launched a [2000-metric-ton, all-electric cargo ship](#) ironically to haul coal.

Closer to home and well worth reading the Port of Brisbane [Sustainability report](#) highlights the importance of balancing People, Planet, Prosperity and Partnership.

And finally on a more bizarre note the new Tesla Cybertruck, the first truck to ever [be mocked by lego](#).



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