



## **VICTORIAN FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS COUNCIL**

The Council's role is to provide advice to government on the development, planning, regulation and operation of freight and logistics transport, infrastructure and services in Victoria within the context of the overall national and federal scene. It provides a forum for members to raise strategic issues with government which impact on the efficiency and future of the freight and logistics sector.

The Council is funded by both the State and Commonwealth governments, is chaired by a senior industry figure and maintains an independent secretariat.

"Our ambition is for Victoria to have the best service levels across the whole freight and logistics sector and freight transport chain, including the most efficient and effective interfaces between modes, delivering tangible benefits to business and the community, helping our State to be globally competitive."

### **Key priorities of the Council are:-**

- Advising on industry priorities for the Auslink land transport program;
- Advocating a strategic investment scenario for the Port of Melbourne, including channel deepening, rail and road improvements;
- Supporting the realisation of the Melbourne Port@I concept;
- Identifying and supporting efficiency improvements through the supply chain;
- Advocating the protection of land for freight places and corridors;
- Encouraging innovation and dissemination of industry knowledge throughout the sector.

The Council meets bi-monthly and has 25 members, three of whom are government agency representatives, with an additional 30-40 participants of working groups. These are senior industry individuals who are valued for their experience and expertise and ability to take a strategic industry viewpoint.

The VLFC is a member of the Victorian Transport, Distribution and Logistics Industry Round Table and the VFLC Chairman is a member of Australian Logistics Council.

The Council works closely with peak industry bodies in a collaborative way. The secretariat maintains a network of associates who are kept informed of activities, events and information. For further information please contact:

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The Council currently has two working groups -

### **Infrastructure Working Group**

This Group is involved in consultation, research and analysis of industry needs in relation to infrastructure. This infrastructure includes vital linkages such as the Port Phillip channel deepening, the Westgate corridor, intrastate rail upgrades and bridges in rural Victoria that play a vital freight role.

These infrastructure requirements have been documented in *Freight Forward*, the VFLC's infrastructure report to government. ([www.vflc.com.au](http://www.vflc.com.au))

The Infrastructure Working Group also considers matters in relation to regulation that impact on the use of infrastructure.

The Group is active in providing information on the Port Phillip Channel Deepening project to business and community organisations.

### **Freight Intermodal Efficiency Group**

This Group of senior operational managers from freight customers and logistics suppliers works toward a goal of improvement in the cost, reliability, quality outturn, security, smart solutions, better control of cargoes across all modes and links in the supply chain.

The Group is managing the Business Activity Harmonisation Study implementation process, assisting customers and their supply chain partners to improve their efficiency and reduce costs.

A current project is the research and development with industry of a perspective on intermodal hub development in Victoria, as an input to government policy work.

The emphasis of this Group is on practical, achievable, industry-driven improvements to supply chains.