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FROM THE MINISTER FOR ROADS AND PORTS

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WOMEN IN FREIGHT, LOGISTICS AND MARINE SCHOLARSHIP

The Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, announced today that the Brumby Government's annual Women in Freight, Logistics and Marine Management Scholarship had been awarded to Tessa Mahon.

Mr Pallas said the scholarship promoted the recruitment and advancement of women in management positions within the freight, logistics and marine industry.

"The Freight, Logistics and Marine Management Scholarship provides recipients with \$10,000 to fund further studies," Mr Pallas said.

"Through this scholarship the Brumby Government is actively encouraging women to consider the transport and logistics industries as a viable and rewarding career option," Mr Pallas said.

"Industry reports show that only 12 per cent of those in management positions are currently women.

"The Brumby Government is actively trying to improve this figure and help the industry reap the benefits of a diverse and balanced workforce."

Mr Pallas said Tessa Mahon was an outstanding applicant, demonstrating her knowledge and commitment to the implementation of sustainable supply chains.

"Ms Mahon possesses a clear vision for her future and has strong leadership capabilities. This scholarship will assist Ms Mahon continue her studies and provide her with an extra boost to further her career in logistics," Mr Pallas said.

Ms Mahon is currently studying for a Masters course in Marketing with a focus on supply chain logistics. She is also undertaking a three-month work placement in New Zealand, focusing on warehouse management systems.

She completed a year in the logistics division at GM Holden and had a graduate trainee role at the security product manufacturing plant of Assa Abloy in Oakleigh.

She said she would use her studies to gain a deeper grasp of the complexities and opportunities that supply chain logistics offers to improve business performance.

“I’m passionate about the possibilities of continuous improvement in production methods and customer interfaces through total supply chain integration,” Ms Mahon said.

The winner of the Women in Freight, Logistics and Marine Management Scholarship is also given the opportunity to work with the Department of Infrastructure’s Freight, Logistics and Marine.