

# **FREIGHT** 2013



## How can we create a world class freight system?

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# The land freight task

- 2030: Truck traffic  50%
- 2030: Rail freight up  90%
- 2030: Number of containers moved  150%
- Transport and logistics share of GDP: 14%
- Transport sector employs 500,000+ people
- Supports approx. 240,000 transport logistics and freight related businesses



# National Land Freight Strategy

## Desired long term outcomes:

- An efficient, productive and competitive national land freight system
- A sustainable land freight system that responds to growth and change
- Aligned and coherent policies affecting land freight across governments



# National Land Freight Strategy

## Land freight challenges:

- Planning for the future
- Investing in the right infrastructure
- Better access, investment and charging for heavy vehicles
- Better regulation
- Understanding the freight task
- Building community support



# Land freight challenges

**Ensure long term and integrated plans are in place for freight**



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# Land freight challenges

**Invest in the right infrastructure at the right time**



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# Land freight challenges

- **Implications of Australia's current freight task operating environment**
- Insufficient funding and financing of freight infrastructure
- Sub-optimal user charges and access arrangements
- Existing infrastructure efficiency and capacity not maximised



# Land freight challenges

**Better access, investment and charging for heavy vehicles**



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# Better access, investment and charging

## Current challenges

- Government collected road charges are not dedicated to road investment
- Lack of a secure funding stream is a major impediment to negotiate private financing of road investment



# Better access, investment and charging

- Charges collected not necessarily reinvested in the network
- Recovers historic expenditure rather than true economic cost
- Relies on budget cycles rather than market-orientated drivers of investment (user demand)
- Costs of noise, air quality and congestion not captured



# Land freight challenges

## Better access

- No incentive to allow access for high productivity vehicles because funding for maintenance is not secure
- Community concerns mean gaining support challenging



# Land freight challenges

## Better regulation

- National Rail Safety Regulator
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator



# Land freight challenges

## Understanding the freight task

- Good management requires good data
- Access to data on value of freight supply chains needs to be improved
- Access to data on the value of domestic freight needs to be improved



# Land freight challenges

## Building community support

- Need for informed public discussion on the critical role of freight transport



# Key challenge

- Determine the key issues impacting the freight task
- Agree on the priority challenges to be tackled by industry and governments, and what some of the possible options/solutions might look like.

