

The NSW Freight Transport Advisory Council provides strategic advice to the NSW Government on freight transport strategies, policies and projects in NSW. The Council also provides a link between the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and the freight transport sector.

The inaugural meeting of the Freight Transport Advisory Council (FTAC) was held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at the Transport for NSW office in Sydney. Chaired by Independent Council member Duncan Gay, the first meeting provided an opportunity for the Hon. Sam Faraway MLC, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads to meet members of the Council, discuss priorities of Government and discuss issues and priorities for industry.

The membership recognised the importance of collectively identifying opportunities and addressing challenges facing the freight sector and the need for a multi-modal, outcome driven approach.

Growth, both in demand and in population, will continue to compound the difficulties experienced with the State's infrastructure. NSW freight and passenger transport services share the same road and rail networks and there is increasing need to protect freight facilities including defining and safeguarding freight corridors and precincts.

To maintain and realise the trading opportunities and demand for the State's high-quality exports, Government and industry need to ensure its freight and supply chains are efficient, reliable and competitive.

The NSW Government plays a vital role in the planning, provision and management of the overall freight network to best meet NSW's current and future needs. With increasing global demand and competitiveness, changing market conditions, along with a growing population, it is critical that the NSW Government prioritises the needs of the freight customer, and remains open and flexible in addressing these needs.

Minister Faraway acknowledged the significant global and local conditions impacting industry and the supply chain. The Minister noted the importance of continuing successful collaborations between Transport for NSW and the freight industry, reflecting on the positive outcomes achieved during recent flooding events and the pandemic.

The NSW Freight Transport Advisory Council has been established to further foster this collaboration and to provide advice to Government, bolstering the understanding of critical risks and opportunities within the freight sector.

The Council discussed several shared priorities and key themes for further exploration including sustainability, network resilience, harmonisation and optimisation, and joint planning across government and industry.

The NSW Freight Transport Advisory Council will meet again in the coming months to progress actions on the identified areas of critical need.

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