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Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications  
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Via email

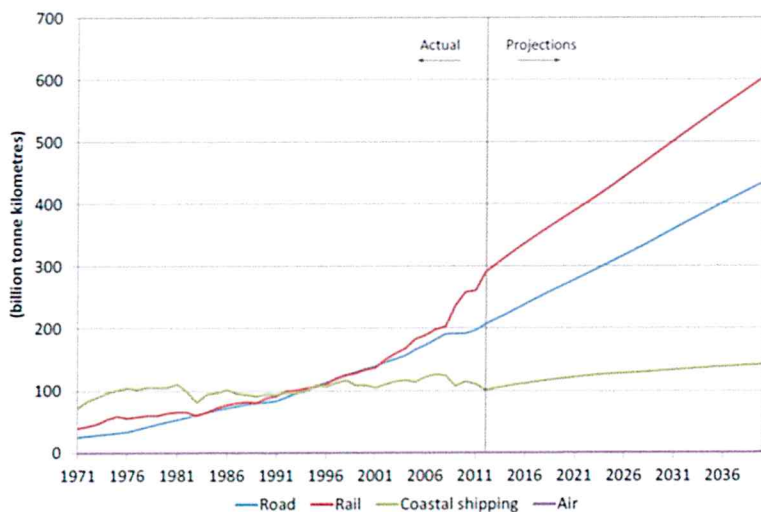
### Committee Inquiry on Infrastructure Planning and Procurement

Dear Mrs Prentice

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee to discuss the ALC Submission to the Committee's inquiry into infrastructure planning and procurement.

ALC undertook to provide some key statistics on the Australian Logistics Industry. They are:

- In 2011–12, the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) estimates that the domestic freight task totalled almost 600 billion tonne kilometres — equivalent to about 26,000 tonne kilometres of freight moved for every person in Australia.
- BITRE also predicts Australia's freight task will increase by 80 percent between 2010 and 2030, as shown in the table below (source: Freightline 1, BITRE, May 2014).



These figures are contained in the recently released ALC / ACIL Allen publication 'The Economic Significance of the Logistics Industry.'

An electronic copy of the report accompanies this letter.

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Ms Marino asked a question relating to examples of value capture mechanisms that are in place that assist in funding the infrastructure necessary to encourage growth.

The example that operates in Western Australia inferred in the answer given by ALC is the Metropolitan Region Improvement Tax, which is used to purchase land to (amongst other things) to allow for the construction of infrastructure when needed.

Again thank you for the opportunity for appearing. Please contact me on 0412 340 934 or at [duncan.sheppard@austlogistics.com.au](mailto:duncan.sheppard@austlogistics.com.au) should you wish to discuss the ALC submission further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Sheppard'.

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