

What do your clothes, television and cereal have in common? They were brought to you by truck or train.

Our rail and road freight network is essential to the State's economy. A reliable freight system lets us access the goods we need to sustain our lifestyle and for businesses to sell their products.

Freight is the lifeblood of NSW taking all the things we need every day from warehouses to shops for you to buy. We all rely on the ships, trucks and trains to deliver.

A reliable freight transport system in NSW is critical to keep goods moving and access the things we need – to build our homes and provide for our families – it also provides the link for businesses to sell their products locally and overseas.

Providing an effective freight rail and road network is important now and into the future. We are planning now for the future freight needs of New South Wales by creating a new freight hub in Western Sydney, so you don't have to pay more for the things you need because they couldn't be delivered to you efficiently.

Our whole economy depends on the movement of goods into and out of our towns, cities and regions across the State.

The importance of freight

The NSW freight industry is worth \$66 billion to the economy every year and provides a vital service to community and business. We need to ensure that freight can continue to deliver goods for NSW. Proper planning for the movement of goods around NSW improves future growth and prosperity. As our state continues to grow, we need to make sure we have the infrastructure in place to support that growth.

Planning for freight starts with mapping the connections it needs on the ground, including increasing the number of freight lines.

How future transport links help you

Ensuring land is available for future freight links provides certainty that an efficient logistics network will be available in the future to support the growing population of NSW. Reliable and connected freight rail links support:

- efficient and safe movement of goods
- new distribution hubs in Western Sydney that will create jobs
- reduced road congestion thanks to more freight moved by rail
- more import and export opportunities for Western NSW through links to our ports, with economic benefits for NSW.

Investing in freight rail helps increase the movement of goods by rail across Sydney and into regional centres. It will increase import and export opportunities by linking Western NSW to our ports and this will help fulfil our State's economic potential.

Why Freight Matters

Delivering for NSW



200,000 direct employees in freight



30% growth in NSW primary industries by 2020



648 million freight volumes by 2036



\$66 billion industry



50% more freight activity in Greater Sydney by 2036



56% Central River City
43% Western Parkland City
Population increase by 2036

