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Developing the Public Transport Network

The ever-increasing cost of petrol is having an effect on the travel preferences of New South Wales motorists.

A recent national-wide survey undertaken by low-cost car insurance provider Budget Direct found that 33% of New South Wales motorists said they would stop using their car to commute to work if the price of petrol reached \$1.75 a litre. A further 48% said they have already reduced their car usage due to rising petrol prices.

Associate Director of Budget Direct, Jonathon Kerr, said if petrol prices continue to rise and more motorists are forced to consider public transport, the current New South Wales commuter crunch could get a lot worse.

The current Sydney rail system is at capacity with little opportunity of adding additional trains without affecting reliability. Sydney streets are congested at peak times and buses have to compete with the same road space as other traffic.

With an increasing demand for public transport the Governments need to do something now as well as planning for the longer-term development of public transport.

One encouraging note is that the Federal Government, for the first time, has recognised the need for “appropriate” investment in public transport. Up until this time, the Federal Government has refused to assist in funding improvements to urban public transport referring the matter to the State Governments.

The current Federal Government seems to have acknowledged that some 70% of the population lives in the capital cities of Australia and the Federal Government has a role to play in ensuring that an effective and efficient public transport service is in place.

The New South Wales Government recently announced the introduction of the North-West Metro system. However, the North-West Metro is not due to come into operation till 2017.

Clearly there is a need to do something in the shorter run to improve the public transport systems.

The issue of rising petrol prices has already had an effect on the demand for public transport. In the past twelve months public transport patronage has increased by between 4-6% against the norm of 2% per annum.

However, it is one thing to evidence a growing demand, it is equally important to meet that increasing demand with an increasing supply.

Public transport is one merit good that is supply-driven, especially rail transport. This means that if you provide a public transport system in areas of potential demand then people will use the system. However, certain service levels must be met:

1. Comparative total journey time

Public transport travel time must be comparative to the total journey time by car.

The introduction of Bus Only Lanes in many overseas countries has seen the unimpeded and faster travel by buses. In our own case, the introduction of the Transit Lane across the Harbour Bridge means that buses now travel between North Sydney and the CBD in seven (7) minutes rather than the twenty five (25) minutes it used to take.

Transit Lanes (or Bus Only Lanes) mean faster travel and a better use of resources.

2. Frequency

Think bus, get bus; think train, get train. That is the secret of attracting people to public transport.

A timetable is irrelevant if frequency is the primary character. Indeed, the Metro systems around the world have a frequency of a service every two minutes at peak times. Who needs a timetable?

3. Reliability

Reliability means getting there on time and providing services that meet the needs – in capacity and comfort.

The time is right for investment in public transport in the short run (now and up to 12 months) and in the longer run. Whilst urban public transport remains the responsibility of State Governments there will always be the probability of no action until it hurts. The recent announcement by the Federal Government that national investment is needed is encouraging but States must remain accountable for public transport.

State Governments have the immediate opportunity to do something at minimal cost – getting a better use of existing resources for a start.

State Governments need to act now in any event because the existing network will not accommodate the likely increased demand for public transport travel.

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CILT into the 21st Century

The National Executive, working closely with Corporate Members PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Mack Trucks, has been developing the strategic direction for The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport into the 21st Century.

Like the T&L industry CILTA cannot afford to wait for things to happen. We must go forward and lead where we have the expertise to succeed.

Recent survey data provided a number of useful indications as to the opportunities to develop additional services for our members. The survey data also highlighted the need to broaden our membership to better represent the transport and logistics industry.

For a start, it is interesting to note that only 10% of our membership is women. Only 15% of membership is under 35 years of age. Moreover, these proportions apply similarly across all Sections.

It is also clear that our membership in the logistics sector is under represented. There is a need to broaden our membership to the critical supply chain functions such as procurement, warehousing and general distribution.

The encouraging issue is that our Accelerate Group (less than 35 years of age) now has close to 1,000 members. The current aim is to convert these younger people to full members of CILTA – but to do this we must provide them with something which is of value to them.

High on the list of perceived benefits of existing members of CILTA is maintaining an update of latest industry news and trends. The opportunity to network with colleagues in the industry is also considered a major benefit. Not altogether surprising is that 16% of members considers prestige of being a member of a Chartered international institution is beneficial. And, career development and personal learning is a key element of membership.

Into the future it is important that an increasing number of younger members are attracted to the T&L industry, and equally important to the Institute, so that the grey matter of experience and wisdom is supplemented with the dynamics of youth.

Into the 21st Century the Institute intends to put more verve, more life into the organisation and to do this with the help of our younger members. We will focus especially on professional development, providing social and networking opportunities and maintain a comprehensive series of information of industry news and trends.

This is only the start. Within the next few weeks the National Executive will be presenting to all Sections details of the actions to be undertaken to achieve these objectives.

It is an exciting time for the T&L industry and equally for the Chartered Institute.

Over the next three years a number of positive changes will occur within CILTA.

We will achieve this by providing value for all our members with a *national* focus. We will collaborate more closely with industry, developing the representation of key companies in the industry in CILTA activities and the strategic way ahead.

We will provide a broader range of information on industry news and trends in a qualitative way.

We will develop and promote professional development across the industry and recognise those who have achieved in an exceptional way.

It is definitely not more of the same. The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport is a key international professional. We are not blow-ins; we have been established in Australia since 1935 as a Chartered organisation.

In moving into the 21st century we recognise exciting opportunities for the T&L industry and CILTA intends to be part of these times. To achieve the optima, it is important that we utilise the value of mature experience with the hunger and passion of our younger members.

Accelerate Group Strengthens

The National Accelerate Group under the Chair of Sam Walker met in Brisbane on Monday, 21st July to discuss future developments towards encouraging more young people to join CILTA.

Accelerate is the name adopted by our younger representatives. The group now numbers close to 1,000 around Australia.

The reports from the various Sectional representatives showed that Accelerate has established a broad range of networking activities and is on track to launch of the Accelerate Web site within the next few weeks.

The Western Australian Accelerate group visited the Fremantle Port in July. The event included a bus tour of the inner harbour area and wharves as well as the major port facilities. After the presentation the young professionals networked while enjoying a few drinks and finger foods.

Accelerate advised that at least one overseas Study Tour is planned in the next year with the objective to learn of opportunities for the development of the T&L industry in Australia and, especially, the development of people in the industry.

Accelerate is represented on the National Executive and will play an integral role in the nominations for the National Young Achiever of the Year to be awarded at the Australian Supply Chain and Logistics Awards to be held in Brisbane on 13th November.

The winner of the Young Achiever's Award will be sponsored by CILTA to the CILT International Council meeting and Conference in Mauritius in May 2009. The Australian representative will also be eligible for the International Young Achiever's Award at that time. Hopefully, our representative will take out the international award as did Catherine Wallace from Western Australia in this year.

Western Australian Chartered Fellows Celebrate

Nearly 60 people gathered in Perth on 4th July to celebrate the elevation of fourteen Chartered Members to Chartered Fellowship.

The event was attended by the National Chairman Elect, Howard Croxon and the International President Elect, Len Harper. WA Chairman, Neville Binning did a commendable job as MC introducing Catherine Wallace who was recently awarded the International Young Achiever's Award.

Neville said that the WA Section was extremely proud of the Section's strength. In congratulating the new Chartered Fellows, Len Harper acknowledged the success of the WA Section and noted the continued support of former Chairs Tony Middleton and Reece Waldock.

Northern NSW Section Get Behind Hunter Transport and Logistics Forum

The Northern New South Wales Section, and especially Chairman Graeme Sargent, is to be congratulated for the development of the Hunter Transport and Logistics Forum held in Newcastle on July 28.

The theme of the Forum was "The Carbon Footprint – How will it affect your Supply Chain from 2010?"

What a great event with presentations from Paul Graham (CSRIO), Hal Morris (ALC) Andrew Hill (Bio-diesel Industries), Bonnie McBain (University of Newcastle), Peter Dormand (Newcastle City Council), Maryanne Cantwell (PWC) and Paul Jeckeln (Jays Corporate Services).

The presentations were really good with Andrew Hill providing the startling information that a content of only 3% bio-fuel in our petrol/diesel will reduce CO₂ by 1 million tonnes per annum.

And Peter Dormand's example of what the Newcastle Council had achieved in emission reduction over ten years was mind-blowing. Other Council should take note.

The Forum was complemented by a Forum Dinner with Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research the Keynote Speaker.

The Forum was supported by a number of key industry groups including The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

NSW Sectional Awards

The NSW Section held their Sectional Awards on 22nd July with some 90 people attending.

The Hon. John Watkins, NSW Minister for Transport was the special guest and Keynote Speaker.

The Young Achiever of the Year Award was won by Melvin Nand of DGLogistics. Melvin was the main player in the development of the Accelerate group in NSW.

The Achievement of the Year award was made to Australian Post Logistics in association with Origin Logistics Australia for the supply of B2C from China to Australia and New Zealand.

Leighton Contractors were Highly Commended for the maintenance and operation of the Cross City tunnel.

ASCL Awards – 2008

Development of the Australian Supply Chain and Logistics Awards for 2008 is going ahead at a rate of knots under the guidance of the Queensland Sections of CILTA and SCLAA.

The Awards Presentation Dinner to be held on Thursday, 13th November at the Sofitel Hotel Brisbane promises to be a huge affair with attendance expected to top the 2007 numbers of 343.

Calls for nominations for the various Awards are now open and can be accessed by going to the CILTA website – www.cilta.com.au.

There is a range of Awards and members are encouraged to participate in the nominations and in attending the Awards Presentation in November.

If members have any questions at all please refer to the Executive Director.

CPL Program Serves the Industry

The Certified Professional Logistician program is now in its second year with some 80 certifications being made to this time.

The CPL program along with the Certified Transport Planner program has added a much needed accreditation for professional logisticians.

The program is recognized by industry and defence as adding value to the qualification of members as well as identifying those people who have qualified experience and educational in transport and logistics.

Enquiries about the CPL or CTP programs can be obtained at www.cilta.com.au.

Transport Ministers Plan for Greater Uniformity

The Australian transport ministers have agreed on the plan they will take to the Council of Australian Government's meeting in October to deliver more consistency in the way the transport industry is regulated.

The ministers plan to recommend the establishment of a National Road Council and a single national system of heavy vehicle regulation and driver licensing.

A single national system for maritime safety regulation administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority was also discussed.

COAG will consider the proposal in early 2009 and if agreed to the trucking industry could have a single regulation entity by July 2009 and a single national heavy vehicle registration and licence scheme by 2010.

Higher Fuel Prices will Lead to Major Job Losses in Aviation

Permanently high fuel prices will lead to a new “aviation world order” which will see the loss of 100,000 aviation jobs around the world by the end of the year, according to outgoing Qantas Chief Executive Geoff Dixon.

In a recent address to the Committee for Economic Development of Australia Mr. Dixon also predicted the industry will be consolidated into fewer, larger and more efficient global airlines.

He blamed the high price of fuel, but also treaties between governments restricting access to routes and regulation requiring airlines to be “substantially owned and effectively controlled” by national of the country where they are based.

LINFOX LAUNCHES THE GREEN FOX

Linfox has launched a program to slash its carbon footprint by up to 15% in two years.

The scheme, called “Greenfox” will include measures such as asking drivers to slow down and increasing solar energy used in its warehouse operations.

The company’s group manager for Environment and Climate Change David McInnes said that Linfox has mapped its own emission profile with diesel constituting 80% of its emission, followed by electricity at 13%.

“These are the two main areas we are concentrating on”, Mr. McInnes said.

“We don’t expect the new truck technology will make an appreciable dint in emission for another decade. We (Australia) are a technology taker. We don’t build our own trucks or manufacture our own fuel”, Mr. McInnes added.

Under the new environment program the company will seek to optimise the use of vehicles and encourage economical driving habits which are expected to result in a cost saving of around five percent.

RAIL DOUBLES ITS VOLUMES TO THE WEST

Rail freight moving from east to west has doubled in its volume over the last decade, with reduced transit times and cheaper operational costs than road.

The figures released by the Australian Rail Track Corporation showed rail freight between Australia’s eastern states and Western Australia rose 103.5% to 29.88 billion gross tonne kilometers during 1998 to 2007.

The government-owned interstate rail network’s administrator also said transit times between Melbourne and Perth have been reduced by a minimum of 4.5 hours with those between Sydney and Perth reduced by 3.5 hours.

PORT KEMBLA TO GROW FURTHER

New South Wales Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi has outlined plans for future expansion of Port Kembla.

The master plan for the expansion of the Port's outer harbour provides for about 52 hectares of reclaimed land and up to seven new berths.

An environmental assessment of the plan will begin in July, to be followed by a planning application for the development as a whole. Once initial approval has been finalized further approval will be sought for individual projects in accordance with customer demand.

LOWER HUNTER TRANSPORT STUDY

Tenders are due to be awarded for an independent study into the transport needs of the Lower Hunter Region.

Commissioned by the Department of Infrastructure and the RTA the study will be used for developing strategies to improve access connecting Maitland, Cessnock and Singleton with Newcastle and the F3 Freeway.

New South Wales Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal said the study will provide land transport strategies to meet passenger and freight needs over the next 25 years.

The final study report will be completed by November 15 and be submitted to Infrastructure Australia by the end of November 2008.

INDUSTRY GROUP REVEALS 2030 VISION FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Transport lobby group The Committee for Adelaide Roads has unveiled a bold vision for the State's transport system.

South Australia's 2030 Transport Plan includes calls for an orbital road network around Adelaide and a system of strategic roads to enhance freight movement, together with light rail and busway initiatives.

Launching the plan last month CAR Chairman Barrie Hosking said "not everyone will agree with some of the solutions we have proposed. Our objective in launching the plan is to draw attention to the need for such a vision and to engage the wider public in the debate."

QR TRAINS READY TO ROLL

The first new trains of Queensland's new fleet are due to be rolled out this month. The trains form part of the State Government's \$500 million investment in the network's passenger services.

Premier Anna Bligh said the first two of the 44 new trains would begin services throughout South-East Queensland.

"The Government is progressively rolling out the new trains over the next two years, with all units expected to be introduced to the network by 2010", Ms Bligh said.

"Once all 44 trains are in service, it will create 30,000 additional seats for customers each day, representing a 30% increase in QR's fleet capacity.

TASMANIAN RAIL FREIGHT INDUSTRY IN CRISIS?

Tasmanian Infrastructure Minister Graeme Sturges has struck back at various media reports suggesting the State Rail Freight Industry is in turmoil. The concern follows the announcement last month that the Asciano-owned Pacific National plans to sell its Tasmanian rail operations.

Various reports have suggested the government-owned TasPorts is interested in buying the operation but a company spokesperson said this was not the case.

At this stage it is unclear who the potential buyers may be albeit Minister Sturges has reportedly said other companies are interested in the business.

CONFERENCES

DEFENCE LOGISTICS 2008

Defence Logistics will be held on 6th and 7th August at the Radisson Plaza in Sydney. The Conference will examine strategies to maximize efficiency in supply chain delivery and capability.

Key speakers include Major General Grant Cavenagh AM Commander Joint Logistics, Major General Rhys Jones, Commander Joint Forces New Zealand and Colonel Eric Lorraine, Chief Office of Defense Co-operation US Embassy.

Register your attendance at registration@informa.com.au. Members of CILTA are entitled to a 10% discount on the listed fees.

NSW INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT 2008

The NSW Infrastructure Summit will be held at the Grace Hotel, York Street Sydney between 20th and 22nd August, 2008.

The conference will examine investment and PPPs, looking at rail transport in particular and the transport impact on climate change.

Information is available at www.tonkin.com.au

CONFERENCE ON RAILWAY ENGINEERING

The Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA) will host the biennial Conference on Railway Engineering on 7-10 September 2008 at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

The conference theme will be Rail – The Core of Integrated Transport and will highlight the successful role of rail in integrated transport systems in both urban and freight contexts.

Further information is available at www.core2008.org.

FUTURE CITY TRANSPORT SUMMIT 2008

The Summit will be held at the WatersEdge Sydney on the 28th-29th October 2008.

The Future City Transport Summit 2008 is the first event to look at city transport planning in the holistic manner, encompassing not just transport and infrastructure needs, but also urban design, planning, public transport investment, integrated ticketing, construction and environmental issues.

The aim of the event is to address one of the biggest issues facing Australia today and in the coming years and to provide solutions to growing urban transport challenges.

CILTA members are entitled to a 10% off the registration price of the Summit. Inquiries can be made at this stage to Informa Australia on 02-9080 4445. **AusRAIL 2008**

The AusRail 2008 Conference will take place on the 1st-2nd December at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The event will include many representatives from the Australian Rail Industry and will involve a two day conference, exhibition and a gala dinner.

CILTA members will be entitled to a 10% discount on the price of the conference. Details of the conference are shown on www.ausrail.com

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