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## NSW Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy (PBLIS) Review Report Release Welcomed

Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) has welcomed the release of the Final Report of the Independent Review of the NSW Ports and Maritime Administration Act (the Act) and the Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy (PBLIS).

The release of the Review Report coincided with an announcement by NSW Minister for Transport, Jo Haylen, of a policy reform program to address the key issues facing the freight industry in NSW. This includes the establishment of a three-person Independent Advisory Panel tasked with developing a new freight strategy for the State (with support from Transport for NSW).

A priority for the Independent Advisory Panel is to review and consult with industry on the recommendations made in the PAMA / PBLIS Review to enhance the port regulatory framework and the regulation of the movement of containers at Port Botany.

It is expected that the Independent Advisory Panel will issue a Discussion Paper in February and will commence consultation with industry in March.

CTAA Director, Neil Chambers, observed that “CTAA Alliance companies were heavily engaged in the PAMA / PBLIS Review in 2022/2023, and look forward to providing their expert opinion and real-life experiences in the regulation of the terminal interfaces in Port Botany through the PBLIS mandatory standards regime.”

“CTAA is pleased that the Review not only recommended the continuation of the PBLIS mandatory standards, but canvassed recommendations for their adjustment and improvement.”

“We are also pleased that the NSW Government has not accepted the suggestion that the administration of the PBLIS mandatory standards be outsourced to the private port operator of Port Botany, NSW Ports.”

“It is welcomed that the Government has decided that the administration of the regulatory regime should remain with Government through Transport for NSW.”

“The PAMA / PBLIS Independent Review Final Report is 241 pages in length, and there are three supporting Appendices. We’ll be taking some time to analyse the findings of the Review in preparation for engagement with the new Independent Advisory Panel and Transport for NSW.”

“CTAA will also look forward to engaging with the Independent Advisory Panel members on their program to identify short, medium and long-term actions for Government to support the ongoing improvement of freight transport across NSW.”

The **PAMA / PBIS Final Report** (and its Appendices) can be downloaded: [HERE](#)

The **NSW Minister for Transport’s** announcement can be viewed: [HERE](#)

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