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We Must Focus on Freight Efficiency through the Port of Fremantle

Regardless of whether Westport continues as planned or is delayed, the fact remains that Fremantle Port must continue to operate for at least the next 10 to 15 years as the key WA gateway for container shipping and equipment.

It is critical to the State's business competitiveness and cost of living that freight through the Port is managed as efficiently and productively as possible.

Port efficiency is not just about ships; it is also about the landside connections to WA businesses. It is a freight eco-system.

We need to continue to focus on boosting the efficiency of container freight rail services to/from the Port of Fremantle.

There's also an urgent need to reduce the number of trucks hauling the growing freight task by allowing the maximum use of Higher Productivity Freight Vehicles (HPFVs) which are more fuel efficient, safer and productive.

These initiatives would have positive impacts on communities surrounding the Port of Fremantle.

Freight & Trade Alliance (FTA), Container Transport Alliance Australia CTAA) and the Western Australia Transport Industry Association (WATIA), collectively representing Transport, Freight Forwarders, Importers and Exporters, are organising a round table of Industry, impacted Local Governments and Business Groups, to discuss how Fremantle Port can become more efficient whilst reducing impacts on local residents and costs for WA businesses.

We recognise the challenges, but there are solutions. Industry aims to provide a united voice to government on how best to collectively shape the future of freight through the Port of Fremantle.

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Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) is strong Alliance of leading businesses engaged in the container transport logistics industry. CTAA Alliance companies account for the majority of containerised freight handled in capital city ports in Australia.

Western Australia Transport Industry Association (WATIA)) is the peak body for transport and logistics companies in WA, providing a unified voice on road access, safety, productivity and infrastructure policy.