

FREIGHT NETWORK REVIEW, WORKING GROUPS

403. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
In relation to the working groups for the Freight Network review -

- (1) How many working groups are there and what aspect of the freight review is each group examining?
- (2) Who are the members for each working group and what organisation or department do they represent?
- (3) When are these working groups to report their findings?
- (4) Is the upgrading of Leach Highway being considered as part of this freight review?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

- (1) Following the Freight Congress held in October 2001, six working groups were set up to deal with specific aspects of the metropolitan freight system:

Project 1 -FREIGHT SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP PAPER.

Objectives

Freight transport impacts significantly on the economy, the environment and community in positive and negative ways. This paper proposes that transparent sustainability analysis involving economic, social and environmental criteria (termed the Triple Bottom Line) be applied to all projects and policies impacting on freight transport.

Project 2 - MASTER PLAN / PLANNING PROCESS WORKING GROUP PAPER.

Objectives

To provide a plan for the development and management of the freight system that allows Government to deliver on the goals agreed with all stakeholders.

Project 3 - STRATEGY TO INCREASE THE USE OF RAIL FOR THE LAND TRANSPORT OF CONTAINERS TO AND FROM FREMANTLE.

Objectives

The aim is to significantly increase the share of containers moved to and from the port by rail.

Project 4 - STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE PROPORTION OF FREIGHT USING ROAD TRANSPORT, PARTICULARLY IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, THROUGH GREATER USE OF SHIPPING (REGIONAL PORTS) AND RAIL.

Objectives

Where commercially and economically viable shift a significant proportion of the current and future regional freight task from road transport towards shipping. (especially via regional ports), and/or rail with a view to:

- promoting regional development.; and
- reducing negative external impacts associated with road transport.

Project 5 - ASSESS THE LIMITS TO GROWTH IN THE FREMANTLE INNER HARBOUR:

Objectives

Within a planning horizon of 2025:

- develop scenarios for future inner harbour operations as an aid to detailed investigation and State planning decisions, and
- suggest an optimal capacity Inner Harbour operation, which, in recognising the Fremantle Port's contribution to the State's economic prosperity, strikes an equitable balance between the efficiency needs of the Inner Harbour, with its impact on the needs of importers and exporters, environmental impacts and the community's amenity needs.

Project 6 - FREIGHT STRATEGY - HYPOTHECATION PROJECT BRIEF

Objectives

Forcing a modal shift in freight transport from road to rail requires significant upgrading of the existing rail infrastructure. These proposed improvements involve:

1. Fremantle Port – constructing a rail loop into North Fremantle and upgrading road intersections at Leach Highway - Stirling Highway and Leach Highway – Stock Road; and,
2. Kewdale Freight Terminal – improving rail infrastructure and links.

Further analysis of these proposed improvements will be necessary to get a more accurate and detailed estimate of costs and to set priorities.

In parallel to these projects, the Freight Congress will be considering the best routes for Roe Highway Stages 7 and 8 and the alternatives to the Fremantle Eastern Bypass. A multi-criteria analysis approach will be used to identify and compare route options. Approximately 80 people from the Freight Congress are expected to attend two workshops in March 2002.

(2) Project 1 -FREIGHT SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP PAPER.

Prof Peter Newman Director - Sustainable Policy Unit Dept for Premier and Cabinet  
Dr. Lance Chambers Senior Consultant Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr David Rice Main Roads WA  
Mr Martin Taylor Environmental Policy Coordinator Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mr Ian Alexander Go Green  
Mr David Bennett Convenor Sustainable Transport Coalition  
Mr David Wake Conservation Council  
Mr Andrew Whiteside General Manager - Property and Development Westralia Airports Corporation

Project 2 - MASTER PLAN / PLANNING PROCESS WORKING GROUP PAPER.

Mr Paul Frewer Deputy Director General Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr John Chortis A/Manager Industry and Infrastructure Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr Ian King Regional Manager - Business Development TOLL Logistics  
Mr Ron Robertson Director Robertson Consulting  
Mr Paul Trichilo Manager - Road Network Planning Main Roads WA  
Mr Ian Alexander Go Green  
Ms Marion Blair Deputy Mayor City of Belmont  
Mrs Rose Pinter Transport Action Coalition  
Mrs Simona Willis Community Reference Group  
Mr Bill Sashegyi Manager - Industry and Resources Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mr Chris Tatam Deputy Chair Institute of Engineers

Project 3 - STRATEGY TO INCREASE THE USE OF RAIL FOR THE LAND TRANSPORT OF CONTAINERS TO AND FROM FREMANTLE.

Mr Reece Waldock A/Commissioner WA Government Railways Commission  
Mr John Barraclough Manager - Asset Strategy Fremantle Port Authority  
Mr Mark Brownell Manager - Industrial Development Dept Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr Michael O'Callaghan Executive Officer Sea Freight Council  
Mr Ron Robertson Director Robertson Consulting  
Mr Keith Jones  
Mrs Barbara Wiese Community Reference Group  
Mr Steve Gabrovec Toll Rail WA  
Mr Bill Sashegyi Manager - Industry and Resources Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Project 4 - STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE PROPORTION OF FREIGHT USING ROAD TRANSPORT, PARTICULARLY IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, THROUGH GREATER USE OF SHIPPING (REGIONAL PORTS) AND RAIL.

Mr Alan Hubbard Executive Director - Regional and Policy Co-ord. Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
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Mr Chris Thompson Executive Manager - Transport & Roads W.A.M.A.  
Mr Patrick Weir  
Mr George Freestone President Livestock Transporters Association WA

Project 5 - ASSESS THE LIMITS TO GROWTH IN THE FREMANTLE INNER HARBOUR:

Mr Greg Martin Commissioner Main Roads WA  
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Mr John Barraclough Manager - Asset Strategy Fremantle Port Authority  
Mr Paul Frewer Deputy Director General Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
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Mr David Nicholson Transport Planner - Strategic Planning Divn. City of Fremantle  
Mr Bill Sashegyi Manager - Industry and Resources Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mr Richard Graham Deputy Mayor City of Cockburn  
Mr Andrew Sullivan Convenor Leighton Action Coalition  
Mr Rowan Bullock P & O Ports

**Project 6 - FREIGHT STRATEGY - HYPOTHECATION PROJECT BRIEF**

Ms Kerry Sanderson CEO Fremantle Port Authority  
Mr Stuart McKnight Project Manager Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr Steve Beyer Manager Policy and Co-ordination Dept. for Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr Ross Kelly Community Reference Group  
Clr Corrine MacRae Town of Cambridge  
Mr Duncan Wilson Vice-President North Fremantle Community Association  
Mr Bruno Osredecki Stephenson's Logistics

In addition, each working group has a small team of agency support staff.

- (3) The six studies are due for completion around the end of April and the findings will be presented to the Freight Congress which will reconvene in the middle of this year.
- (4) The upgrading of Leach Highway is expected to be proposed as an option for consideration by the Freight Congress and will be assessed against a range of criteria in relation to other options.