



The Outback Way- Australia's Longest Shortcut

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National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy Panel
Freight and Supply Chain Priorities
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Submission

The Outback Highway Development Council Inc. (OHDC INC) has been working on the development of the Outback Way for 20 years which is now being sealed and will continue to be sealed into the future. Completion of this 2800km transnational link is expected in the next 10 years. The Outback Way corridor is providing an infrastructure corridor for gas, water and telecommunications across the nation.

The Outback Way-

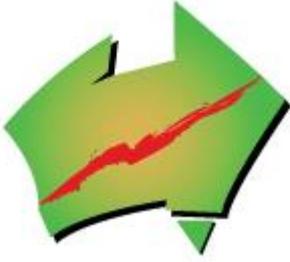
- Links Perth to Cairns- and enables development of industries across these areas in regional, remote and rural Australia.
- is a feeder route to the Adelaide - Darwin Railway- increasing value of the railway
- Connects Kalgoorlie, Alice Springs and Winton railhead
- Connects into Kalgoorlie, Alice Springs and Longreach commercial airstrips
- Links into ports along the Qld Coast and WA coast.
- Reduces freight time by 10-12 hours from WA to Central Australia
- Connects and enables mining development.

The OHDC Inc. want to ensure that given the 20year timeframe of the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy includes/ considers;

- new infrastructure that is under-construction and under development/planning that will be completed by 2038 across the nation and how these project link up and increase efficiencies, some changing the way we distribute and export products - not just increasing the efficiency of existing routes. It is important the strategy looks at potential freight links in the National Plan.
- Rural, regional and remotes routes that play a critical role in freight distribution - either domestically or internationally. The OHDC Inc wants to ensure the strategy addresses and makes use of infrastructure throughout the whole nation - not just the major centres or coastal routes/ports/airports.
- The development of new industries, opening-up of land for agriculture, restocking of pastoral leases- ie eastern WA (Northern Goldfields).
- An infrastructure maintenance fund- which is funded by a depreciation allocation.
- Domestic Freight distribution- both interstate through to local.
- The value of Uber Freight and cold chain vans- taking care of small scale, local freight & food delivery respectively- these are very nimble and adaptive.



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- Draw on the value of routes from the CSIRO Transit modelling used for Cattle and Freight modelling for the Developing Northern Australia.
- Supply chain management needs to be Value Chain, with each business in the chain sharing costs and profits to making the chain a pipe.
- The packing containers/crates standardisation of sizes and uniformity - which creates a nimbleness in the freight system.
- National backloading register- to make better use of empty return trips- supported with standardised crates/ freight capsules. Livestock carriers need to develop a back-load system to make the most of the distances they travel.
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator needs to just get a national standard across the nation- created with the best practice / safety results from each state and territory jurisdiction. The inefficiencies of different regulations are well documented.

The OHDC Inc- make these suggestions not just in relation to the Outback Way but from observations, conversations and from modelling we have completed- which is attached for your reference.

We wish the panel every success with the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy- the OHDC Inc would be interested in being further involved as required to assist in any way.

Yours sincerely

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