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## Research released into Australia's future transport task

The Australian Government Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Warren Truss, today released at the Australian Logistics Council Third Annual Forum two major reports that will help guide the implementation of the Australian Government's \$12.7 billion AusLink initiative.

"The *National Intermodal Study* and the *Demand Projections for AusLink Non-Urban Corridors Report* provides the Australian Government with valuable information that will assist us plan for the future as we work with the transport and logistics sector to meet Australia's future transport needs," Mr Truss said.

Mr Truss said the *National Intermodal Study* contains information on current freight movements and estimated future demand on the AusLink network, and will assist the corridor strategy work being done on the AusLink Network's key freight corridors.

"The study identifies Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane as requiring future intermodal capacity over the next 20 years to cater for growth in interstate and import/export container movements by rail," Mr Truss said.

The *Demand Projections for AusLink Non-Urban Corridors Report* provides projections to 2025 of future traffic growth across the non-urban links of the AusLink National Network.

Mr Truss told the ALC Third Annual Forum that with Australia's freight task expected to nearly double from 2000 to 2020, the Government was committed to ensuring Australia has the necessary transport infrastructure and reform environment in place to meet the challenges the transport sector faces.

"Under AusLink, the National Transport Plan, the Australian Government is laying the foundations to ensure that we are well placed to make the right infrastructure decisions to meet this increasing demand," he said.

Note: The *National Intermodal Study* is available on the DOTARS website at [www.dotars.gov.au/publications](http://www.dotars.gov.au/publications). The *Demand Projections for AusLink Non-Urban Corridors Report* can be downloaded from Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics Website at <http://www.btre.gov.au/index.aspx>

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