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Less trucks, less congestion, more economic development

Centroc calls for Inland Rail to be fast tracked.

“We are not wedded to any delivery model. At the same time the case has been made for the cost benefit of Inland Rail and we are very supportive of the more detailed work being undertaken by Regional Development Australia Central West on the Economic Growth that will be realised in this region,” said Cr West, Chair of Centroc.

“Centroc hopes that the Inland Rail is built to a modern future-standard, sufficient to drive modal-shift from long-haul road to rail and to push for economic development for the regions along the line to ensure commercial viability,” said Cr West, Chair of Centroc.

On a national level the Inland Rail project will improve the global competitiveness of Australia's key exports, through providing a reliable rail transport alternative for agricultural and mining; it will also facilitate the creation of thousands of jobs during and after construction, many in rural and regional areas.

“The Inland Rail project will generate substantial economic benefit to Central NSW,” said Cr Keith, Chair of the Melbourne Brisbane Inland Rail Association.

“We hope the Federal Government will commit to a workable funding model for this project, to ensure the 10 years completion window is achieved.” said Cr Keith.

Cr Bill West, Chair of Centroc and Cr Ken Keith, the Chair of the Melbourne Brisbane Inland Rail Association, are arranging meetings with key Ministers to progress

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