

WHY WE NEED ACTION

Australia's freight volumes are projected to grow by over 35 per cent between 2018 and 2040. They are also changing, with urban freight forecast to increase by nearly 60 per cent over 20 years to 2040 – in conjunction with growing population density pressures.

• Australia's freight productivity and costs have plateaued, with little change in real freight costs since the 1990s. This impacts the competitiveness of our exports, including minerals and agriculture travelling from our regions to international markets.





- Changes in the way goods are made, purchased and distributed and technological advances (especially digitalisation, automation and electrification) have the potential to dramatically improve freight productivity and costs.
- Australia's freight and supply chains need to build resilience to meet emerging issues associated with natural disasters and climate risk, security and cyber threats and increasing community demands to improve safety and environmental outcomes.

To get there, we need to challenge the way we currently think about and work together on the freight system.

