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CTAA Congratulates Melissa Horne on Reappointment as Victorian Minister for Ports & Freight

Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) has congratulated the Hon. Melissa Horne MP on her reappointment as Minister for Ports & Freight under the re-elected Andrews Labor Government in Victoria, as well as her appointment to the Roads & Road Safety portfolio.

“CTAA and our Alliance companies have enjoyed a productive and proactive relationship with Minister Horne. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Minister on existing and future initiatives impacting on the container logistics sector.” said CTAA Director, Neil Chambers.

During the last several years of international supply chain disruptions, container logistics congestion and associated landside logistics challenges, Minister Horne has listened to the sector and has engaged openly and proactively.

These initiatives included convening the **Victorian Container Storage Working Group** at the height of container logistics congestion in 2021, which led to the publication of a practical [Industry Guide](#) to help cargo owners and freight service providers plan for and respond to disruption in the container freight supply chain through the Port of Melbourne.

The Minister has also championed the continuing development of Victoria’s Voluntary Port Performance Model, including the [Voluntary Pricing Protocol](#) addressing clear protocols on stevedore landside charges amendments, and expansion of the [Voluntary Performance Monitoring Framework](#) to include more key indicators of the performance of the landside container terminal interface and the inclusion of initial performance indicators for empty container management.

“We can’t improve what we don’t accurately measure. It’s been very important for the Victorian Government to develop, collate and publish these independent analyses of the container logistics landside interfaces so that both Government and the commercial parties in the sector can focus on collaborative improvement initiatives.”

“CTAA is also pleased that the Minister will continue to be involved in championing productivity improvements in empty container management through the Port of Melbourne, including the [Empty Container Park Paperless Truck Entry Trial](#) which will progress in early 2023.”

“We look forward to continuing to work with the Minister, her advisers, and Freight Victoria within the Victorian Department of Transport on these and future initiatives.”

Also refer to the **Victorian Premier’s Media Release** of 5 December 2022 [“New Cabinet To Keep Doing What Matters”](#) for information about the make up of the new Victorian Cabinet.

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About CTAA: Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) is strong Alliance of leading businesses engaged in the container transport logistics industry. CTAA Alliance companies account for the majority of containerised freight handled in capital city ports in Australia.