



ORANA FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS CAPABILITY STUDY



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Key Findings

- The Orana region's dominant industries are agriculture, mining and manufacturing with sector exports totalling \$3.9 billion in 2015 or 2.5 per cent of the state's total exports
- Mining production and agricultural commodity production form the backbone of the Orana regional freight task and have the largest impact in determining the underlying freight and logistics requirements of the region
- The Orana region produces 34,064 kT of agricultural and mining commodities annually. The main commodities are wheat and grain, cotton, livestock and meat, livestock products such as milk and wool and coal and other minerals
- In 2014, 23,600kT of freight was transported along the freight network within Orana
- In the Orana region, road transport is the most dominant freight mode in most areas, while rail is critical to the onward transportation of most bulk export products
- The Regional Supply Chain to the major markets of domestic consumers, domestic stockfeed, bulk and non-bulk exports
- Emerging trends which have the potential to impact on freight and logistics networks include containerisation of freight, consolidation of up-country receipt, transition from rail to road freight, on-farm storage and direct access to markets and use of economic development zones
- Identified challenges and impediments include poor road conditions which affect delivery times and damage vehicles, congestion and freight access restrictions on key networks in the Orana region and regulatory barriers that affect competitiveness. Other constraints identified in the report include a distinct lack of regional bypasses and mobile black spot areas
- Opportunities for future growth are being led by a significant regional infrastructure investment program developed by the NSW Government. Of significance to Orana, \$500M has been committed to the Newell Highway as part of the Regional Road Freight Corridor Program. Investment of \$170M will also be made under the Golden Highway Corridor Strategy as the major freight connection for goods moving west from Newcastle and from Dubbo to the Port.
- Commitment has also been demonstrated under the Fixing Country Roads program, which provides targeted funding to local councils to repair and upgrade roads in regional NSW



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