

# AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING & LOGISTICS CONFERENCE

## DAY 1

Thursday 27 August 2026

registration from 8am (8.30am to 5pm)

CONFERENCE OPENING	
<p><b>WELCOME &amp; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</b> MC – <b>Paul Zalai</b> (Director FTA / Secretariat APSA)</p> <p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator the Hon Don Farrell - Minister for Trade and Tourism (INVITED)</li></ul> <p><b>GLOBAL TRADE OUTLOOK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department of Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade (DFAT)</li><li>• <b>Charles Finny</b> – Chair New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE)</li></ul> <p>A former senior NZ trade negotiator and diplomat, Charles will provide an overview of global trade and policy shifts. Drawing on deep experience across government relations, trade strategy and geopolitical risk, Charles will explore developments in key markets including the United States, China, Europe and the Indo-Pacific.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>James Hookham</b> – Director Global Shippers Forum (GSF) (London, UK)</li></ul> <p>A leading global shipping expert, James will explore trends and projected impacts on international trade including US and regional shipping reforms and geopolitical hotspots such as the Red Sea. Participants will also hear about digitalisation in shipping, including electronic Bills of Lading, data governance, and safe cargo handling under the CTU Code. The session provides a strategic and practical lens for shippers, freight forwarders, regulators, and supply chain professionals navigating a rapidly evolving global trade environment.</p>	8.30am
<b>MORNING TEA</b> – sponsored by TBA	
10.00am	
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING	
<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Carl Berger</b> - Director of Logistics and Export Operations, Amazon (Seattle USA)</li></ul> <p>This keynote will outline Amazon's expanding logistics network across shipping and airfreight, sharing insights into how the company is driving efficiency, innovation, and sustainability solutions in global trade.</p> <p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>This session will explore the rapidly changing dynamics of global shipping and logistics, examining how mergers, acquisitions and alliances are reshaping competition and service reliability. Speakers will discuss the drivers of price fluctuations, strategies for managing risk, and the evolving balance of power between shippers and carriers. The panel will also consider the impacts of conflicts, sanctions and trade route instability, alongside trends in nearshoring, regionalisation of supply chains, and new service innovations.</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Carl Berger</b> - Director of Logistics and Export Operations, Amazon (Seattle USA)</li><li>• <b>La Chang</b> – Chief Executive Officer – Think Global Logistics</li><li>• <b>Maurice Lynch</b> - Partner Insurance, Transport &amp; Trade – Mills Oakly Lawyers</li><li>• Shane Walden – Managing Director ANL Container Line and CMA CGM Group (INVITED)</li></ul>	10.30am

## COASTAL SHIPPING, ROAD AND METROPOLITAN INTERMODAL TERMINALS

### PANEL DISCUSSION

This panel will examine the key dynamics shaping shipping and freight in Australia and New Zealand. Discussions will cover regional shipping perspectives, port and intermodal connectivity, the role of coastal shipping in domestic supply chain security, and road freight challenges including congestion, last-mile delivery, and regulatory pressures.

### PANEL

- **Mike Gallacher GAICD** - Chief Executive Officer, Ports Australia
- **Andrew Adam** – Board Director NSW Ports / Intermodal Terminal Company
- **Neil Chambers** – Director Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA)
- NZ representative – to be advised

11.40pm

**LUNCH** – sponsored by FreightmateAI

12.30pm

## SHIPPING & LOGISTICS MARKET COMPETITION

### KEYNOTE

- **Commissioner Rebecca Dye** – Federal Maritime Commission (USA)

A Commissioner from the United States Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) will provide international insights into the evolving global shipping environment. The session will explore how industry perspectives can sometimes contribute to supply chain bottlenecks and slow the adoption of more efficient processes. The discussion will also highlight the growing importance of data in identifying inefficiencies and improving decision-making, along with an update on current priorities and developments at the FMC.

### PANEL

This panel provides a supply chain perspective on incontestable landside charges administered by stevedores and empty container parks, highlighting their operational, financial, and strategic impacts on importers, exporters, and broader trade flows. It will outline the NTC's work to modernise container landside pricing, providing an overview of developments to date and the next phase of reform from 1 January 2027. Participants will also gain insights from the Stevedore Monitoring Reports, including market failures, pricing trends, and performance metrics, and explore Part X of the Competition and Consumer Act and its relevance for industry conduct, regulatory compliance, and shippers' market protections.

- **David Scott** – Director Commercial Freight & Logistics / Member Representative Sea Freight
- **Michael Hopkins** - Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner – National Transport Commission (NTC)
- **Pat O'Shannassy** – Chief Executive Officer Grain Trade Australia (GTA)
- Australian Competition & Consumer Commission [INVITED]

1.30pm

**AFTERNOON TEA** – sponsored by TBA

3.15pm

ENVIRONMENT SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE	
<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Craig Carmody</b> – CEO Port of Newcastle (Conference Platinum Sponsor)</li> </ul> <p>This keynote will highlight leadership in renewable energy and decarbonisation, showcasing initiatives that drive the transition to a low-carbon future. It will also explore sustainable infrastructure development, focusing on building resilient and future-ready trade gateways.</p> <p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>This panel will explore key challenges and opportunities in building sustainable and ethical supply chains including IMO emissions targets, alternative fuels, carbon pricing through to illegal logging and modern slavery – the need to strengthen compliance, traceability and supply chain due diligence.</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donna Jones</b> – Founder, Executive Director &amp; Principal Consultant, Ashville Consultancy Group / Women's International Shipping &amp; Trading Association (WISTA) Australia President</li> <li>• <b>Lawrence Christoffelsz</b> – Chairperson, Ethical Trade Alliance</li> <li>• <b>Tristan Anderson</b> – Executive Advisor, Transport Infrastructure Energy &amp; Strategy GHD</li> <li>• <b>Martin Moseley</b> - Illegal Logging - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries &amp; Forestry</li> </ul>	3.45pm
<b>CLOSE DAY 1</b>	
	5pm

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Gala Dinner

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Strangers Dining Room NSW Parliament House

Pre-dinner networking drinks (sponsored by Amazon)	6pm
Formal dinner (sponsored by the Port of Newcastle)	6.30pm
<p>Formalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MC – “Lehmo”</b></li> <li>• Olga Harriton – Past Chair, Australian Peak Shippers Association (APSA)</li> <li>• Brian Thorpe – APSA Chair, International Shipping Manager Visy Industries</li> <li>• Brent Falvey – Chair, New Zealand Cargo Owners Council (NZCCO)</li> <li>• TBA (Amazon)</li> <li>• <b>Craig Carmody</b> – CEO Port of Newcastle (Conference Platinum Sponsor)</li> </ul>	

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## DAY 2

Friday 28 August 2026

registration from 8am (8.30am to 4.30pm)

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	
<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zubin Appoo</b> – Chief Executive Officer - WiseTech Global This keynote will highlight innovations in automation, data-driven decision-making, and predictive analytics that improve efficiency, compliance, and resilience across borders.</li> <li>• <b>Anthony Wan</b> – Founder Clear.ai This keynote will explore how to win in the AI era — what works, what doesn't, and the strategies to build an autonomous advantage.</li> <li>• Zika Kolicic – Chief Product Officer - OneStop (INVITED) Advances in real-time visibility and actionable insights to empower businesses to predict disruptions, enhance demand forecasting, and ensure a smoother flow of goods.</li> </ul> <p><b>PANEL</b></p> <p>Discussions will explore how AI, e-documentation, supply chain visibility platforms, and cross-border interoperability are reshaping global trade. The panel will examine the evolving role of offshoring in addressing labour shortages and will consider AI not only as a driver of productivity and efficiency but also as a challenge for workforce adaptation and governance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zubin Appoo</b> – Chief Executive Officer - WiseTech Global</li> <li>• <b>Anthony Wan</b> – Founder Clear.ai</li> <li>• <b>Matthew Brown</b> – Commercial Director, The Compliant Group</li> <li>• <b>Maryann Farrugia</b> – Co-Founder and Managing Director - Offshore Business Processing</li> <li>• <b>Shane D'Aprile</b> – Chief Product Officer – Yojee</li> <li>• Sam Askin – Chief Executive Officer - OneStop (INVITED)</li> </ul>	<p><b>8.30am</b></p>
<p><b>MORNING TEA</b> – sponsored by TariffChat (Clea.ai)</p>	
AIRFREIGHT	
<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon Hickey, CEO of Western Sydney Airport (INVITED)</li> </ul> <p>This keynote will explore the development of Western Sydney Airport and its role in transforming regional and national trade and logistics. Discussions will cover infrastructure planning, connectivity to road and rail networks, and the airport's potential to drive economic growth and supply chain efficiency.</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p> <p>This panel will examine how the freight and logistics industry will operate across Sydney's two international airports, including strategies for efficiency, connectivity, and capacity management. The discussion will also explore the broader Bradfield precinct and its role in supporting integrated supply chains and future trade growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jeff McAlister</b> - Executive Director, Investment Industry &amp; Partnerships, Bradfield Development Authority</li> <li>• <b>Kayla Moa</b> – Senior Vice President Cargo – Menzies Aviation</li> <li>• Scott Charlton - Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Airport</li> <li>• Keith Filander – Director – Cargo at dnata Airport Services Australia (INVITED)</li> <li>• Qantas Airways (INVITED)</li> <li>• Matthew Tilbrook - National Air Freight Manager AGS World Transport / Member Representative Airfreight – FTA/APSA (INVITED)</li> </ul>	<p><b>10.45am</b></p>

<b>LUNCH</b> – sponsored by TBA		<b>12.15pm</b>
<b>BIOSECURITY</b>		
<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Victoria Anderson</b> - Secretary Department of Agriculture, Fisheries &amp; Forestry</li> </ul> <p>This keynote will highlight the vital role of biosecurity in protecting supply chains, safeguarding plant and animal health, and defending against global disease and pest risks. It will also explore collaborative initiatives to strengthen trade resilience between Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>This joint presentation will examine the Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPM) relating to the safe movement of shipping containers, with a focus on practical measures to improve container cleanliness and reduce biosecurity risk across international supply chains. The session will also explore regional implementation approaches, industry responsibilities, and collaborative strategies designed to support compliance, protect trade pathways, and strengthen biosecurity outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sina Waghorn PhD</b> - Team Manager Aquatic &amp; Environment Approvals &amp; Advice, Ministry for Primary Industries</li> <li>• <b>Rama Karri</b> – Director International Collaborations, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries &amp; Forestry</li> <li>• <b>James Hookham</b> – Director Global Shippers Forum (GSF) (London, UK)</li> </ul>		<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b> – sponsored by TBA		<b>3pm to 3.30pm</b>
<b>BORDER</b>		
<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Gavan Reynolds AO – Australian Border Force Commissioner and Comptroller-General Customs (INVITED)</li> </ul> <p>This keynote will provide a high-level overview of customs reform and border management, highlighting initiatives that enhance trade facilitation between Australia and New Zealand. Discussions will cover collaborative approaches, digital solutions, and strategies to strengthen cross-border supply chain efficiency and resilience.</p> <p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>This panel will examine emerging trends in customs and trade compliance, including potential de minimis reforms following the U.S. example, the expansion of Trusted Trader programs, and the evolution of cargo systems toward simplified trade processes. The discussion will also address balancing revenue, risk, and resilience to ensure efficient yet secure border operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wendy Stanton</b> - World Customs Organisation AP Regional Private Sector Group Chair, Country Customs Manager, IKEA</li> <li>• <b>Kai Lincoln</b> – Director, Aggregate Co</li> <li>• <b>Tharani Vithanage</b> - FAS Strategy &amp; Policy Division, Strategy &amp; Capability Group - Australian Border Force</li> <li>• NZ representative – to be advised</li> </ul>		<b>3.30pm</b>
<b>CONFERENCE REVIEW</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brian Thorpe</i> – APISA Chair, International Shipping Manager Visy Industries</li> <li>• <i>Brent Falvey</i> – Chair, New Zealand Cargo Owners Council (NZCCO)</li> </ul> <p>Announcing the venue and date for the 2027 Australia &amp; New Zealand &amp; Shipping &amp; Logistics</p>		<b>5pm</b>
<b>CONFERENCE CLOSE</b>		<b>5.15pm</b>