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# Introducing a Heavy Vehicle Charge in Western Australia

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## Let's talk size...

- Western Australia alone would cover an area from Canada to Mexico, from San Francisco to Denver
- Capital city Perth's population grew 14.2% between 2006-2011
- Over last decade, WA's share of Australian economy grew from 11% to 17%
- WA supplies 43% of Australian exports





# Isolation means Western Australia's growing economy depends on efficient road freight movement...





...with Main Roads the State agency responsible for providing safe, efficient and sustainable heavy vehicle access to WA's road network.



# Main Roads is tasked with introducing a Heavy Vehicle Charge on a 50-mile freight route from Fremantle Port, covering three major road projects, including...



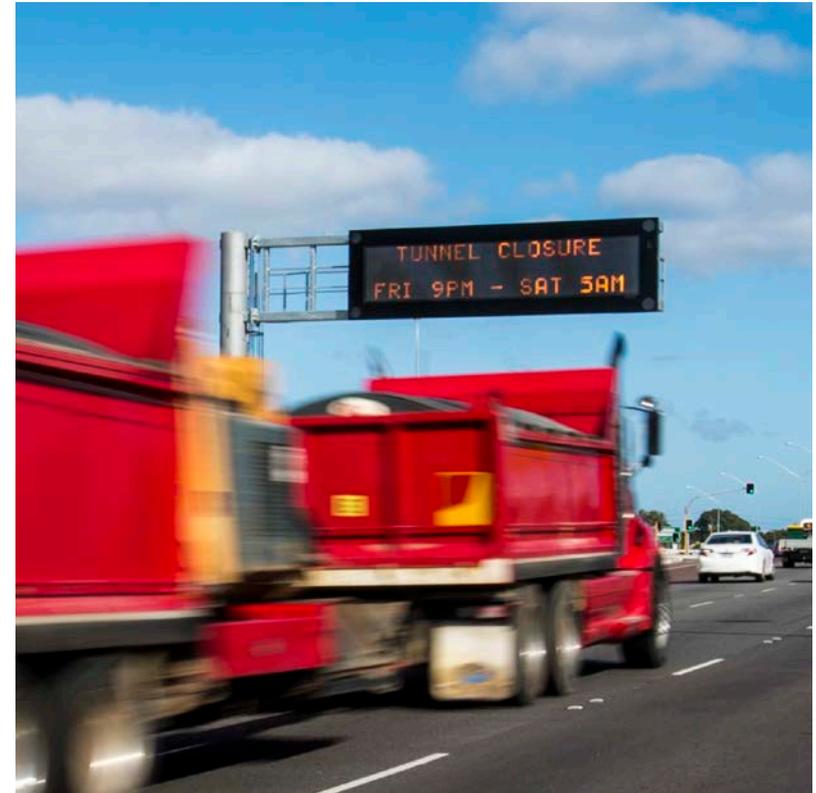
## ...WA's largest-ever road infrastructure project

- May 2014: Federal Budget announced Perth Freight Link; which includes two road infrastructure projects and the heavy vehicle charge
- Provides a free flowing, fully grade separated, high productivity freight connection for light and heavy vehicles
- Facilitates connection between Perth's strategic industrial areas and Fremantle Port



# Heavy Vehicle Charge (HVC) Overview

- A Heavy Vehicle Charge is proposed for vehicles over 4.5 tonnes
- Charged every time heavy vehicles use all, or sections of the Perth Freight Link route from Muchea to Fremantle Port
- HVC costs to operators offset by productivity savings – time from shorter journeys and lower vehicle operating costs



# HVC Stakeholder Engagement

- Extensive program of stakeholder engagement is underway
- Collaboration Workshops with representatives from all current road projects affecting the PFL route have identified interdependencies across the projects
- One-on-one meetings have commenced with industry representatives and transport operators to invite them to provide feedback
- Industry consultative groups are in place



**The Heavy Vehicle Charge is due for introduction in mid-2019. It will fund the State contribution to the road projects directly associated with Perth Freight Link, and ensure future investment into the heavy vehicle network.**





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# Bio-Sketches

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## Mr. Pascal Felix, Executive Director Heavy Vehicle Services at Main Roads Western Australia



**Mr. Pascal Felix** is the Executive Director Heavy Vehicle Services at Main Roads Western Australia. He is an experienced Strategic Leader with over 20 years acknowledged expertise in driving reforms through implementation of management control systems for effective decision making.

Pascal's recent career has focused on embedding contemporary leadership concepts to ensure collaboration in a historically difficult and challenging environment. He is currently responsible for leading the strategic management of heavy vehicle access on the WA road network.

Through Pascal's leadership and management, he has developed and implemented a Strategic Business Plan in line with Government policy and objectives that insures relationship management, to ensure the development and maintenance of enduring relationships with key external stakeholders.

Pascal's key accountabilities encompass:

- Strategic direction - lead the development implementation and review of heavy vehicle access improvement plans to achieve long term industry and government goals..
- Commercial Operations - provide a premium consolidated service for commercial operations through a one stop shop portal for all logistical needs involving Oversize and Over-mass movements.
- Heavy vehicle compliance; including leading the development and integration of government transport policies, compliance and enforcement.
- Heavy vehicle operations, providing advice on community issues related to safety, responsible for Western Australian Heavy Vehicle Accreditation System (WAHVA).
- National policy, provide and participate in national road transport reforms directing the ongoing formulation, review and implementation of heavy vehicle policies and strategies.

## Ms. Kellie Houlahan, PM, Heavy Vehicle Charge System



**Ms. Kellie Houlahan** has over 13 years' experience working for Main Roads in the Western Australian public sector. Kellie has worked in a number of areas across the organization, including strategic projects and human resources and has spent the last 7 years in various roles across the Heavy Vehicle Services Directorate.

Kellie is an accomplished project manager and in 2013 was the recipient of the Western Australian Transport Woman of the Year Award for her role in project managing the implementation of a new “one stop shop” for transport operators, streamlining services and reducing red tape for the Western Australian heavy vehicle industry.

Kellie is the project manager leading the development and implementation of a new Heavy Vehicle Charge within Western Australia. The charge will be implemented in mid-2019 and will fund infrastructure delivery and encourage greater efficiencies for heavy vehicles across the Perth metropolitan area