



## **The Hon Michael McCormack MP**

Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Leader of The Nationals  
Federal Member for Riverina

## **Ken O'Dowd MP**

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## **NEW INTERMODAL FACILITY LINKING RAIL TO ROAD IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

Construction of a \$5.8 million Intermodal freight site, complete with a 1.5-kilometre industrial access road off the Capricorn Highway, is well underway at Yamala, with the project set to link Central Queensland producers to markets and generate dozens of local jobs.

Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd said the CQ Inland Port site, located 25 kilometres east of Emerald, will significantly expand the volume of trade and increase the efficiency of freight transfers and distribution via both road and rail.

"With a range of packing options and additional transport possibilities, the facility will provide rail export options at Gladstone, Mackay and Brisbane – opening up additional transport and supply chain connections for producers," Mr O'Dowd said.

"The site will offer a range of services including container cleaning, inspection, packing and decanting, along with weighbridge facilities."

Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Nationals and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack, who toured the construction site today, said the Federal Liberal and Nationals' Government's \$2.9 million investment will deliver long-term economic growth to the region.

"By maximising the efficiency of freight movements, this hub will provide a range of growth opportunities for horticulture, agriculture and resources industries across the region."

"Importantly it means more jobs for the Central Highlands, with the project creating 16 positions during construction and another 49 ongoing roles when it's complete," Mr McCormack said.

This \$5,873,995 project is jointly funded with the Liberal and Nationals' Government investing \$2,900,000 and CQ Inland Port Pty Ltd \$2,973,995.

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