



## AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

### Media Release

# ARTC WELCOMES NEW BRISBANE RAIL FREIGHT SERVICE FOR BORDER REGION

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The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) has today welcomed the announcement by Albury-Wodonga's Ettamogah Rail Hub of a new twice weekly rail freight service to Brisbane, ARTC CEO John Fullerton said.

The contract for the service has been awarded to Pacific National, and is expected to involve moving up to 100,000 tonnes of freight between Albury and Brisbane annually.

Australian Rail Track Corporation chief executive John Fullerton said there is a growing demand to use rail to carry a larger share of the freight task.

"With recent improvements in rail infrastructure, particularly on the corridor between Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, customers can increasingly look to rail as a competitive choice in terms of reliability, available capacity and transit times," Mr Fullerton said.

"ARTC congratulates Pacific National and Ettamogah Rail Hub on this new business win. It's a sign of the renewed confidence in rail across the country and we look forward to further successes.

"The future of freight rail in Australia is bright and this can only be a good thing for the supply chain, road users and the wider community."

Customers of the new Brisbane service are three major local manufacturers.

The freight is containerised and placed on interstate rail services by Ettamogah Rail Hub.

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