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Moving Port of Melbourne makes Westlink redundant

The Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) congratulates Asciano for promoting debate on relocation of Melbourne's port freight activities. Relocation would alleviate much of the road freight traffic from the Port of Melbourne through key residential areas, and also take pressure off the WestGate bridge and end the need for Westlink.

Cr Jackie Fristacky, MTF Chair, said that "expansion of the freight task by the Port of Melbourne was constrained by residential growth in inner Melbourne, including around Docklands, North Melbourne, E-gate, and the development of Footscray as a Central Activities District."

"Expansion of Melbourne's port and its busy truck freight is inconsistent with intensification of residential development in these key areas of inner Melbourne."

Improving rail connections to the Port of Geelong, and also Portland, has advantages in their ready connections to Victoria's agricultural regions in the west, and interstate to South Australian and Western Australia.

The MTF, represents 19 Councils in metropolitan Melbourne,

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