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## ARA welcomes the commencement of construction of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal in Sydney

The Australasian Railway Association joined the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann and Minister for Infrastructure, the Hon. Darren Chester MP at today's sod-turning ceremony to mark the commencement of construction at Moorebank Logistics Park.

"It's a great pleasure to be here today to join Commonwealth Minister's the Hon. Mathias Cormann and the Hon. Darren Chester to mark such an important occasion for the freight and logistics industry," said Danny Broad, CEO of the Australasian Railway Association.

"This important project will inject more than \$11 billion of economic benefits over the next 30 years and create more than 6,800 jobs.

"The benefits of this project will assist in supply chain efficiency by reducing the cost to business for transporting goods. It will also create more integrated road and rail connections and make for quicker flow of goods by enabling rail to be the connector between Port Botany and south-west Sydney.

"Shifting more freight to rail, both in our cities and between our capital cities, is commonsense.

"On average, for every one freight train on a track takes 110 trucks off the road, so achieving modal shift is critical given the nation's rising freight task.

"This reality demands that we move more freight to rail to enhance economic growth and the liveability and sustainability of our cities.

"Projects such as the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal in Sydney and the much anticipated Inland Rail Project are critical to Australia's future because it will move freight more efficiently, reduce congestion and improve our economic performance, which will bring economic and social benefits to our communities and to our businesses.

"The ARA would like to congratulate Qube Holdings, Moorebank Intermodal Company and the Commonwealth Government for their commitment to this project and their cooperation in finding the most efficient and productive solution to one of NSW's freight issues," concluded Danny Broad.

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