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Milestone achievement for WA company signals significant shift toward rail freight transport services

Western Australia's freight transport industry realised a significant milestone this week, with the State's largest port rail freight operator, Intermodal Group, celebrating the half million mark for containers transported since their inception in 2007.

The company has seen steady growth in container volumes transported by rail, with current figures equating to approximately 2,000 trucks off Perth roads every week or 104, 000 truck trips every year.

Two train cycles per day operate between the North Quay Rail Terminal (NQRT) in Fremantle and Forrestfield Intermodal Terminal, negating the need for lengthy truck trips to and from the Fremantle Port Area.

Intermodal Group Chairman, Jim Stevenson, said that aside from the obvious commercial benefits to industry, by moving bulk volumes in and out of the port area, the environmental and social benefits have contributed to rail's increased popularity in recent years.

"Every container that travels by rail reduces the impact on our road system. More trucks off the road means reduced road congestion, leading to improved road safety, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and minimised road infrastructure wear and tear."

"Our target is to transport 30% of the port's containerised volume by rail, to be the most successful port rail shuttle operation in Australia, and to continue to make a positive contribution to the Fremantle and Forrestfield communities and environment."

Intermodal Link Services was originally established in response to the needs of major agricultural exporter CBH.

CBH Group Logistics Manager, Ben Raisbeck, said the half millionth movement was a significant milestone.

"We would like to congratulate Intermodal Group. This is a great achievement and highlights the relationship our two companies have developed working together to transport grain by rail," he said.

"It is fitting that the milestone movement was a CBH Group grain container, given our companies have a history of co-operatively moving grain by container to Fremantle Port.

“Keeping freight tonnes on rail is the most efficient way of transporting grain for export. Intermodal Group has made this process easier through the consistency and efficiency of their service.”

Intermodal Group also operates the largest inland empty container park in Western Australia, which is co-located at its Forrestfield Intermodal Terminal.

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CBH and Intermodal Group staff celebrated Intermodal’s half millionth container movement on Wednesday 24 June.

Left to right:

David Capper, General Manager Operations at CBH, Jim Stevenson, Chairman of Intermodal Group, and Intermodal Group’s Darrin Smith and Adam Lebihan.

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