National Freight Data Hub - Options Discussion Paper

Merit is seen in developing a Hub with the beneficiary being Government, Ports and major infrastructure owners in receiving data for strategic planning and asset management.

Importers, exporters and freight forwarders have access to extensive consignment information and could theoretically transmit prescribed data to the Hub (ensuring confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information).

Industry would need to be incentivised to provide the data if required on a voluntary basis. Legislative reform to mandate the supply of data would require extensive industry engagement.

In terms of cost, Government should fund the Hub. Any proposal for industry paying a fee for the supply of data would be rejected.