

## Toowoomba to Brisbane Container Freight Rail Link One Step Closer

The Seaway Group are pleased to announce the signing of an agreement with InterLinkSQ to build and operate a new intermodal terminal on InterLinkSQ's 200-hectare site in Toowoomba.

The site is strategically located 13 kilometres west of Toowoomba in a prime location to capitalise on current freight requirements as well as the Inland Rail when it begins.

The multi-million-dollar project will create an open access, intermodal terminal linking container freight customers in Toowoomba and the surrounding regions directly to the Port of Brisbane via rail.

Seaway's CEO, Craig McElvaney explained, Seaway are no strangers to regional rail:

"We are very excited about joining with InterLinkSQ and bringing this project to life. Seaway know regional rail through our Intermodal business in Merbein, Victoria (Mildura). Through that site we facilitate the movement of over 15,000 containers per annum by rail from the Sunraysia region to ports all around the world. The commodities are similar to Toowoomba, with fresh produce, grains, pulses, cotton and wine all featuring regularly. We will bring our knowledge and expertise of regional rail and logistics to Toowoomba and provide solutions for customers in the Darling Downs and other areas of Western Queensland. This is a long term project for our company and we believe in the success of the region".

InterLinkSQ's General Manager, Blair Batts says it was Seaway's regional success and experience that convinced him Seaway is the right partner:

"We really wanted to work with an Australian company and one that knew how to operate in a rural environment – Seaway ticked all the boxes. Our teams have worked together for over a year now to bring this deal together, and over that time we have seen how Seaway operate and what a success story they are, we want that type of culture running this key facility".

Seaway's COO, Paul Szumowski – stated that Toowoomba is not new to the Group, having had a small presence already in the region:

"We have had an active role in Toowoomba for a number of years now, including being a major sponsor of TSBE (Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise). It is exciting that this project will create 50+ jobs for the local community, but just as importantly provide exporters and importers a more efficient mode of transport to access their overseas markets".

Final planning on the new site will be concluded shortly, with construction starting early 2019. It is expected that the site will be operational in 12-18 months, at which point it will operate a daily shuttle service to the Port of Brisbane.

Once up and running, Seaway are planning to move over 20,000 teus (twenty foot equivalent units) by rail to the Port of Brisbane, saving up to 10,000 truck movements per annum.