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# National Ports Policy

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# Why a national ports policy?

- Island nation with 43 major ports:
  - No National Ports Strategy
  - Global opportunities
- Roads, rail and ports - what is the optimal supply chain solution?



# What's the problem?

- Major challenges for growth in trade
- Potential significant productivity gain
- Truck queues/Ship queues
- Congestion costs
- Ships getting bigger creating new issues
- Technology



# Options

- Do nothing
- Leave it to the States
- Take a national view
- Get our collective act together



# Issues

- Coastal shipping
- International KPI's
- Safety
- Governance
- Planning:
  - containers, bulk, agriculture, Defence and tourism
  - land planning, future infrastructure requirement
- Road/rail access and integration
- Private sector investment



# Priorities

- Planning
- Protection of ability to execute plans:
  - approvals, governance etc.
- Improving landside efficiency, reliability and safety
- Clarity, transparency and responsibilities in ports
- Measurement of productivity gains



**Alice: would you tell me which way I ought to go from here?**

**Cheshire Cat: that depends on where you want to get to.**

**Alice: I don't much care where.**

**Cat: then it doesn't matter which way you go.**