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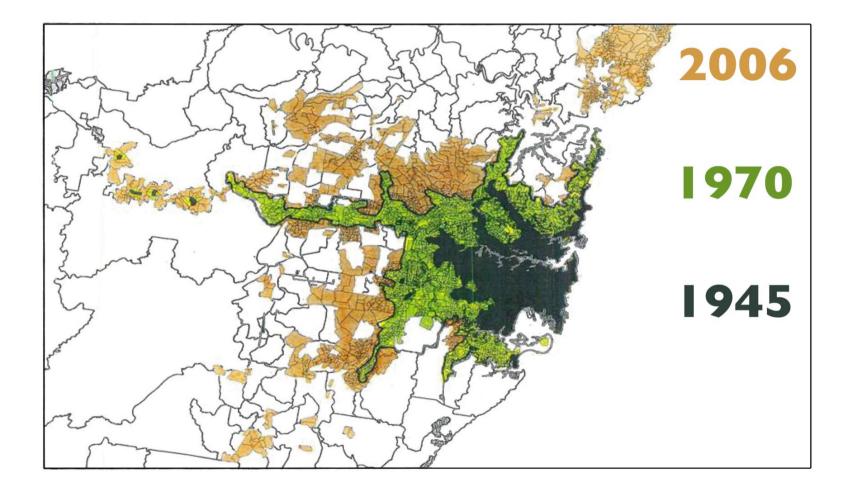
### Urban Freight Logistics: What Are the Challenges for Growth?

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### GROWTH

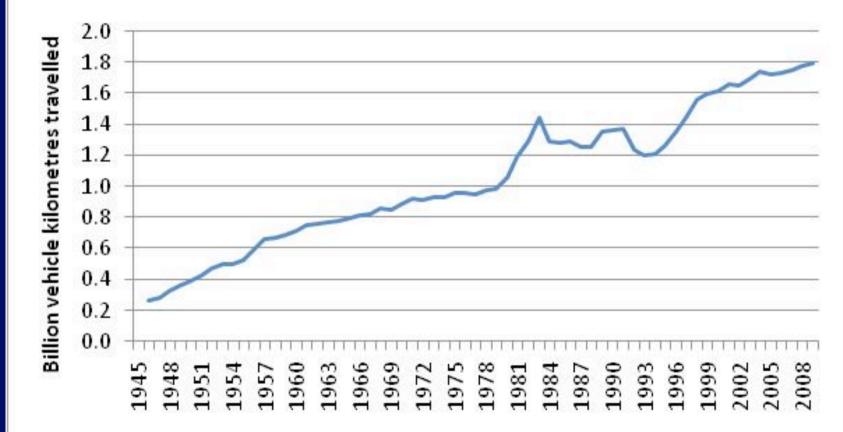
- A key word with regard to many issues in our capital cities
- Two examples :
- The spread of Sydney since 1945
- The growth in heavy vehicle kilometres travelled since 1945

## GROWTH in Sydney's Area



### GROWTH in Sydney's Truck Traffic

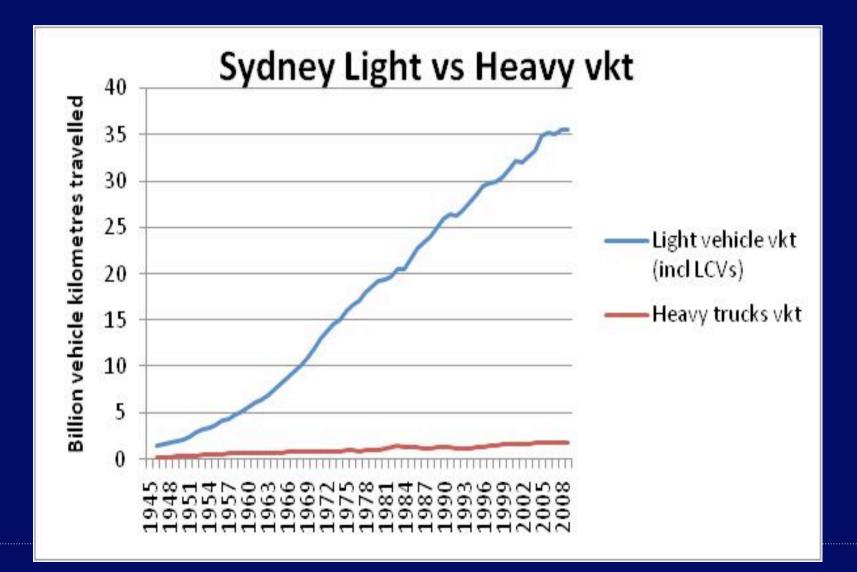
#### Sydney heavy trucks vkt



### Why Trucks for Urban Freight GROWTH?

- Some hot spots connected with other modes (e.g. Ports and their rail connections, Airports, Intermodal terminals),
- But overwhelmingly it's truck transport.
- The problem for urban freight logistics is that trucks share the roads with light vehicles,
- ...that form the majority of the traffic.

## GROWTH in Light vs Heavy Vehicle Traffic in Sydney



# GROWTH in traffic = GROWTH in Congestion

- Growth in traffic is substantial:
  - Traffic in Sydney over the next decade expected to grow by about 20 per cent
- The result will be continuing increases in congestion and congestion-related delay.
- It is estimated that a 30 kilometre trip will take 3 minutes longer in 2020 in Sydney than today – not an horrendous increase, but an inexorable trend.
- Except for certain hot spots, congestion affects trucks, not the other way around.

# The Challenge Posed by GROWTH for City Freight Logistics

- How to move a growing volume of freight on more congested city networks?
  - Need for more drivers, just as generational change subtracts them
  - Need for larger, more purpose-built trucks?
  - Need to vary delivery times to avoid peak traffic periods?
  - Need for more freight pooling to cut down on local trips?
  - Need for specific freight infrastructure
  - Need to get the right balance between community and industry interests
  - Etcetera, as our speakers will now elaborate.