

INTRODUCTION

THE RIGHT MOVE - GEOGRAPHY OF LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAINS

The Right Move - Geography of Logistics & Supply Chains aims to raise awareness, among young Victorians, of the importance of the Transport, Logistics and Supply Chain Industry to Victoria and Australia. The industry plays an important, yet often unrecognised, role in Australia's economy and way of life. Everything that we own, use or consume has in some way been delivered to us through a system of transport, logistics and supply chains at either a local, regional, national or international level. The industry plays a key role in global trade and international manufacturing; physically connecting people and resources throughout the world. Our economy, and way of life, depends upon a complex and comprehensive system that facilitates the movement of things from producer to consumer in an effective and efficient manner.

The Right Move - Geography of Logistics & Supply Chains, developed for Years 7 to 8 by TDT Victoria, has been written specifically to meet the learning outcomes required by the Victorian Education Learning Standards (VELS); meeting the discipline based standards of Geography at Level 5.

This resource is designed to guide students' investigation of the industry, focussing on its:

- impact on everyday life;
- roles and responsibilities in connecting people and resources worldwide; and
- understanding of the industry's contribution to the state and national economy through employment.

Students will examine the significance and nature of this industry by:

- reflecting on the role of transport and the movement of freight in modern society;
- analysing the global networks created by international trade and their part within them;
- examining connected supply chains of primary industries based in two Australian states;
- examining international supply chains;
- investigating the environmental implications of importing freight;
- considering the impact of the industry on their local economy through employment;
- investigating the geographical features of Victoria that influence industry activity;
- developing strategies in brainstorming, questioning, note-making and communicating; and
- using a range of methods to research and present information.

KEY KNOWLEDGE OUTCOMES

On completion of The Right Move - Geography of Logistics & Supply Chains, students will know about the:

- meaning of transport, logistics and supply chains in industry terms;
- nature and importance of the industry to the individual, the economy and society; and
- understand key roles and services involving a selected focus sector of the industry.

KEY SKILLS OUTCOMES

On completion of The Right Move - Geography of Logistics & Supply Chains, students should be able to:

- describe the nature and importance of the industry to the individual, economy and society;
- identify some key roles and services within the industry;
- recognise potential occupation opportunities within the industry;
- research and assess information using a variety of sources;
- work independently and collaboratively to meet individual and collective goals; and
- communicate ideas using relevant language and concepts.