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Sale of W.A. road transport freight and logistics businesses

Wesfarmers today announced the sale to national transport and logistics company Toll Transport Pty Ltd of the Western Australian freight services and logistics operations of Wesfarmers Transport.

The transaction is a major step in the ongoing rationalisation of the company's road transport interests.

Wesfarmers announced in August it had sold the Niteroad Express business and the Jandakot distribution centre. Haulage operations at Kalgoorlie and Bunbury have also been sold in the past two months.

The sale to Toll covers Western Australian freight services and a number of major distribution contracts and includes the transfer of employees. It is expected the businesses will continue to operate from existing sites.

The sale does not include the Johnstone River Transport business engaged in the haulage of sugar products in Queensland or the haulage business operating out of Tamworth in New South Wales.

The rationalisation of the wholly-owned Wesfarmers Transport Limited has no impact on the company's investment in rail freight operations through the Australian Railroad Group (ARG), the 50:50 joint venture with Genesee & Wyoming Inc of the United States. ARG is Australia's largest private rail freight operator with services in Western Australia and South Australia and has an interest in the consortium which is constructing the Alice Springs to Darwin railway.

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