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ECL is a freight brokerage company offering all the services of a transport business and much more.

While getting the goods of its clients from one place to another is the focus of the business, ECL offers a number of other services that limit the workload of its clients.

Not only are all the goods monitored throughout their journey to keep clients up-to-date with their progress, but because ECL buys bulk space through its business partners, the company always has extra space available. This means that clients never need to look elsewhere for their transport needs.

Buying bulk space also means the company is able to offer extremely competitive rates.

## Big job for new Transport Minister

New Transport Minister Steven Joyce will have some big issues to get his head around in the coming weeks, as he has no background in anything related to the portfolio.

Mr Joyce comes to Parliament with an impressive background in radio.

He and two business partners built up Radio Works over 17 years to consist of 22 stations and four networks, employing 650 staff throughout the country.

When he resigned as General Manager in 2001 after selling to Canadian Company Canwest, he chaired the National Party 2002

Election Review and became the party's first General Manager in 2005. He took charge of the Election campaign that year.

Since then he has been Chief Executive of Jasons Travel Media Limited, a tourism marketing company.

While that is an impressive CV, there is no mention of transport in any of those roles.

That is why it may have been a surprise to many that someone without any experience of dealing with transport issues, and a first-term MP, would be given such an

important portfolio.

Nevertheless, his background shows that he is more than qualified for such a role when he becomes familiar with it.



Steven Joyce



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## A year of drama comes to an end

The past 12 months have seen a great deal of change at ECL, particularly among the staff.

The health of Managing Director Wayne Pickering has been responsible for most of it.

Mr Pickering has now decided to step back a bit and allow Alastair Mathews to take more of the reigns.

He has been the General Manager since September.

"I'm thriving on this new responsibility, but it's great to have Wayne there to give me a hand and take control of the finances," says Mr Mathews.

Bringing Mike Mountford on

board earlier this year has been a major success, while ECL is sad to see Des Dudley leave the Auckland branch later this month.



Wayne Pickering

While there have been a number of staff changes, the rising price of fuel has been at the forefront of minds as well.

Thankfully, ECL has now been able to drop the VCR. This would have dropped even further if the company

had increased its rates earlier in the year.

"When the Government increased Road User Charges in July, most businesses automatically increased their rates. But we resisted, meaning our latest drop may not look as substantial as some others," says Mr Mathews.

As another Christmas approaches, ECL looks forward to another good year with less drama in the staffroom.

"We wish all our clients and service providers a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year," says Mr Pickering.

## Des Dudley leaving Express Cargo before Christmas

After almost six years with the company, Des Dudley has resigned from his role as Auckland Sales Manager.

"I've enjoyed my time at ECL. I just decided it was time for a new challenge," he says.

Des has had other job offers, but has decided to wait until after Christmas before

making his next move.

"All I'm thinking about now is doing lots of fishing over the summer break," he says.

Des has been involved in the logistics industry for 26 years and has enjoyed learning a different aspect of it at ECL.

"I've also enjoyed meeting lots of good people along the

way."

General Manager Alastair Mathews says the ECL team have enjoyed their relationship with Des.

"He has opened up some good doors for us and we wish him all the best for the future."



**Express Cargo Limited**  
**Managing Director**  
**Wayne Pickering**

## Wayne's Words - New Government

The National-led Government looks to have some good road transport policies on the table.

After the last few years, it's a relief to have some ideas that may help the industry, rather than penalise it.

Having said that, it is convenient to promise the earth in opposition, but another to carry it through once you have the reigns of power.

National's transport plan includes a new category of state highway. These will be called Roads of National Significance.

They will be singled out as essential roads that require priority treatment.

State Highway One will be included in this list along with a number of other important roads.

The Priority Consenting process is another good idea. It will streamline resource consents for major national infrastructure.

These will not go through local councils but instead will be called in and determined nationally.

Priority Consenting will still allow for proper

environmental assessment and enable communities to have their say.

But the law will require a decision on these Priority Consents to be made within nine months.

There is a great deal of work for the National-led Government to do to get the roading network up to scratch.

It is now time for them to put their words into action and implementing these two policies will be a good start.

## Lucille Wright on maternity leave

Operations Coordinator and Customer Services representative Lucille Wright has taken a year's maternity leave after the birth of her daughter.

Maya Eden WellsWright was born on November 19 at a weight of seven pounds nine.

"She's a pretty settled baby, waking only once or twice a night after a few weeks," says Lucille.

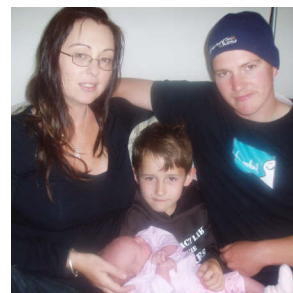
Andrew Gilmour has joined the ECL team in Lucille's absence. He began a 13 month contract in September and is enjoying the new role.

"I used to be a courier, so it's interesting to see the transport industry from a different perspective," Andrew says.

He particularly likes dealing with new people and helping them solve

their freight problems.

Andrew, 25, loves the outdoors and is a local scout leader.



**Lucille with Maya, son Connor and partner Nick**

## ECL Christmas and New Year Schedules

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2008/2009

### Ex Christchurch to Auckland/North Island/South Island Centres:

Tuesday	23/12/08	Normal Service / No Late Service to AKI
Wednesday	24/12/08	No Service
Thursday	25/12/08	No Service
Friday	26/12/08	No Service
Saturday	27/12/08	Normal Service
Monday	29/12/08	Normal Service
Tuesday	30/12/08	Normal Service / No Late Service to AKI
Wednesday	31/12/08	No Service
Thursday	01/01/09	No Service
Friday	02/01/09	No Service
Saturday	03/01/09	Normal Service
Monday	05/01/09	Normal Service Resumes



**Alastair Mathews**

### Ex Auckland to Christchurch/North Island/South Island Centres:

Tuesday	23/12/08	Normal Service
Wednesday	24/12/08	No Service
Thursday	25/12/08	No Service
Friday	26/12/08	No Service
Monday	29/12/08	Normal Service
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**If you require any other services, please feel free to contact us. Otherwise have a very Merry Xmas and a safe and happy New Year.**