

Media Release

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INDUSTRY COLLABORATION KEEPS OUR SUPPLY CHAINS MOVING

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to support the freight and logistics industry and keep our supply chains moving with the release of a Container Storage Industry Guide.

A Container Storage Working Group, chaired by Freight Victoria was formed earlier this year to understand pressures on the storage of shipping containers and to identify emerging themes and possible solutions. It involved key representatives from across the shipping industry, stevedores, transport operators and peak bodies.

The collaboration contributed to the development of the Industry Guide, a collection of vital insights and feedback from the industry and potential voluntary solutions.

A trial of paperless truck entry to empty container parks has already been launched in partnership with Container Transport Alliance Australia. The Industry Guide will also alert the sector to signs of stress in the container supply chain and potential actions that can be taken in response.

The Victorian freight network underpins the state's economy, providing industries and consumers access to products they need and connecting producers to national and global markets.

The Labor Government is deeply invested in our freight network and connections and its contribution to every Victorian – with the Ports and Freight sector adding \$21 billion to the state's economy each year and supporting 260,000 jobs.

Development of the Industry Guide includes detailing key roles, responsibilities, and relationships in the flow of containers that will be published on the Department of Transport website.

Further development of the Working Group's endorsed performance indicators will be progressed and ultimately incorporated into Victoria's Voluntary Performance Monitoring Framework.

For more detail on the Container Storage Industry Guide visit: <https://transport.vic.gov.au/ports-and-freight/commercial-ports#container>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"This guide is a direct result of the work undertaken by the Container Storage Working Group and I look forward to the evolution of this guide into a voluntary Code of Practice in the future."

"This is a great example of collaboration between government and industry and we will continue to work together to address disruptions to supply chains while they remain a part of our lives in the short to medium term."