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The capacity modelling undertaken as part of this study is limited to the information provided to Black Quay, with the assumptions contained within the model detailed within the following sections.

It should be noted that the modelling is restricted to a static model only. Whilst every attempt has been made to capture the variation in operational parameters at each terminal, unseen variations can occur, not captured in static analysis.

The report supersedes all other versions of this report sent to date.

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Glossary

ASC	Automated Straddle Crane
BITRE	Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics
Black Quay	Black Quay Maritime Consulting Pty Ltd.
DPWA	Dubai Port World Australia
LOA	Length Overall
GMPH	Gross Moves Per Hour (Crane)
OCR	Optical Character Recognition
PCEP	Port Capacity Enhancement Program
PIANC	World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure
PoM	Port of Melbourne
SDE	Swanson Dock East
SDW	Swanson Dock West
STS	Ship-to-Shore (Crane)
TEU	Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit (container)
VICTL	Victoria International Container Terminal Limited
WDE	Webb Dock East
WDW	Webb Dock West
WSIT	West Swanson Intermodal Terminal
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Executive Summary

Black Quay Maritime Consulting Pty Ltd. (Black Quay) has been commissioned by Port of Melbourne (PoM) to provide an independent assessment of container handling capacity at the Port of Melbourne (the Port).

This includes analysis and review of all three (3) international container terminals at the Port; namely Swanson Dock East (SDE), Swanson Dock West (SDW), and Webb Dock East (WDE).

Key Modelling Inputs

The capacity modelling has been based upon container trade forecasts and fleet forecasts to 2050, as provided by PoM. A number of modelling inputs were agreed with PoM. These are broadly summarised as follows:

- > TEU:box ratio of 1.60, increasing to 1.70 by 2030 under some scenarios
- > Terminal operating hours of 8,505 hours per year
- > A seasonality factor of 10% (berth) or 15% (yard) to be applied to maximum capacity calculations to allow for seasonal fluctuations, in order to determine optimum annual capacity
- > Capacity to be established based on existing terminal berthlines, yard storage and operating regimes, with the inclusion of the 71m extension of WDE berthline currently underway

- > An average of two (2) Ship-to-Shore (STS) cranes work on vessels up to 5,000 TEU, three (3) cranes on vessels between 5,000-9,000 TEU, and four (4) cranes on vessels over 9,000 TEU
- > Whilst the actual number of STS cranes and deployment is a commercial decision by stevedores and assumed to not be a limiting factor, there is a practical limitation to crane spacing. This is assumed to be as follows:
 - o Minimum achievable crane spacing of 90m
- > A gross STS crane rate of 27gpm to reflect current Pom-wide rates, with additional scenarios tested under increased rates in the future
- > Total time at berth consists of vessel productive time (as per above) as well as an assumed three (3) hours of non-productive time for each vessel visit for mooring/de-mooring etc.
- > Yard utilisation assumed to be 80%
- > Dry stack heights assumed as 3.2 (straddle) and 5 (ASC). This reflects the ability for straddle terminals to convert to 1 over 3 straddles at some stage. Reefer stack heights assumed to be 2 (straddle) and 5 (ASC).
- > The following values have been assumed for dwell times which are considered reflective of an efficient gateway terminal.
 - o Import (Full): 1.5 - 2.5 days (Scenarios assume 2 days)
 - o Export (Full): 4 - 6 days (Scenarios assume 5 days)
 - o Empties: 2 - 4 days (Scenarios assumes 3 days)

- Transshipment: 2 days
- > Gate modelling has been undertaken assuming existing gate infrastructure, and processing times of 60-90 seconds/truck at in-gates. However, as requested by PoM, gate capacity is not considered a limiting factor due to the relative ease of increasing gate numbers.

Maximum Berth Utilisation

A key factor in any assessment of throughput capacity over a quay line is the realistic berth occupancy threshold (or 'berth utilisation') before vessel queuing becomes 'unacceptable' by the customer (shipping lines).

PIANC WG158 provides industry accepted guidance on the capacity evaluation of port terminals and is typically utilised by port industry professionals when calculating port capacity in a static manner. Typically, the maximum berth utilisation is based on the number of berths present and the ability/tolerance of the customer to wait. This is measured as a ratio of wait time: service time (WT:ST).

However, as part of this engagement, Black Quay has been requested to review available literature and specific PoM data (where available) to determine if any alternative berth occupancy rates (to those in PIANC WG158) should be adopted in the context of the Port of Melbourne.

In order to conduct the review, Black Quay has reviewed the following:

- > Whether a WT:ST time ratio of 0.10 (as proposed by PIANC WG158) is appropriate or, alternatively, if a different ratio should be applied
- > Regarding the WT:ST ratio confirmed in the previous point, what corresponding maximum berth utilisation level should be adopted.

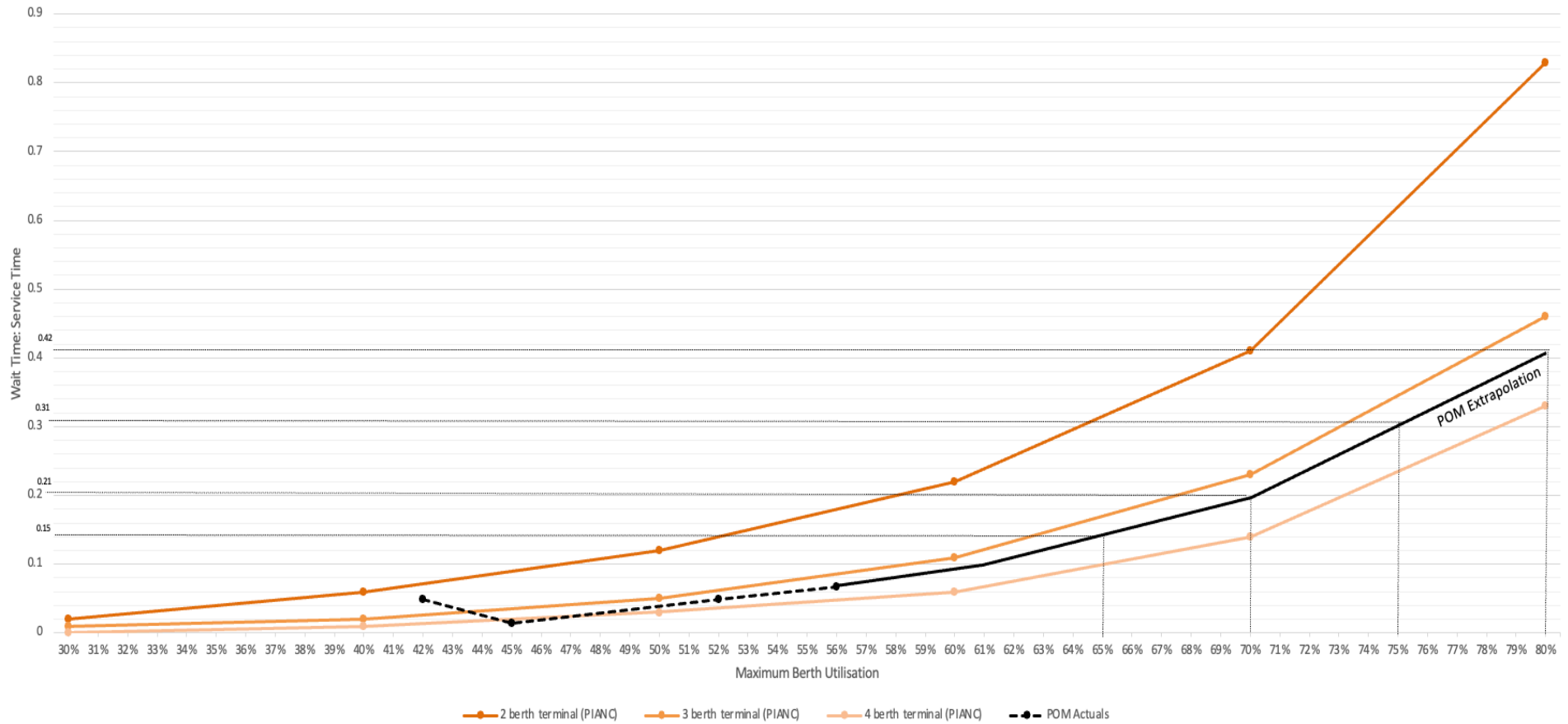
Black Quay identified three industry-recognised guidance documents (over and above PIANC WG158) which provided quantitative guidance. These are as follows:

- > *The Capacity in Container Port Terminals*, presentation by Valenciaport Foundation at UNCTAD AD Hoc Expert Meeting on Assessing Port Performance, 2012 (and its supporting document *Sea Port Capacity Manual*, Monfort et al 2011)
- > *Planning and Design of Ports and Marine Terminals*, Agerschou, 2004
- > *Port Designer's Handbook*, Thoreson 2014 (Third Edition).

The guidance provided by PIANC WG158 and all three of the above documents support the adoption of a WT:ST of 0.1 for container terminals.

In terms of relating this to maximum berth utilisations appropriate for PoM, a review of the suggested maximum berth utilisations for 1-4 berth facilities provided by PIANC WG158 was carried out, against the actual WT:ST profile implied by PoM-wide statistics contained within BITRE Waterline 67. This is depicted below.

Figure 1 Forecast Service impacts at Higher Berth Utilisations (Black Quay, 2022)



On the basis of this review, PIANC WG158 was considered slightly conservative, and the following maximum berth utilisations were proposed to be adopted. It was however noted that the BITRE data on time at anchorage has been used as a proxy for wait time. Other measures taken by shipping lines due to congestion such as slow steaming, waiting outside of port limits and/or skipping a port due to congestion is not captured and therefore the calculated WT:ST may not capture all congestion issues. This results in a potential for underestimation of the WT:ST.

Figure 2 Proposed Berth Occupancy Levels (for WT:ST = 0.1)

	Number of Berths			
	1 Berth	2 Berths	3 Berths	4 Berths
Monfort et al	31%	53%	63%	70%

It was recognised that a decrease in the reliability of vessel arrival times has been experienced in recent history impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. Whilst information contained within the Productivity Commission Draft Report suggests that there has not yet been an increase in vessel reliability post-2020, it is possible that this might occur as the lingering effects of the pandemic ease.

Therefore, scenario testing within the capacity analysis has also considered increased utilisation of 65% for a 3-berth terminal and 60% utilisation for a 2-berth terminal where vessel reliability improves in the future and/or shipping lines accept higher levels of congestion.

Individually, terminal operators may elect to pursue a higher berth utilisation level. However, this would likely be to the detriment of service level and result in customer dissatisfaction and potential loss of the service to another terminal and/or port (assuming a competitive environment). This is not dissimilar to what has been observed in Sydney recently.

Modelling Overview

The capacity model has been established in accordance with the guidance contained within PIANC WG158 for calculating annual terminal capacity. Optimum annual capacity has been calculated for each of berth, yard, gate (road) at each of the terminals.

In order to provide sensitivity testing on the key assumptions made within the model, modelling was undertaken on eight (8) scenarios. The premise of these scenarios is outlined below.

Figure 3 Scenarios Modelled

	A	B1	B2	B3	B4	C	D	D1
Description	Current Productivities	Increased TEU Ratio	Increased Crane Rate	Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking Larger Vessels at SD
Gross Crane Rate	27gmp average across all three (3) terminals	27gmp average across all three (3) terminals	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	27gmp average across all three (3) terminals	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp
TEU Ratio	1.60	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	1.60	1.60	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030
Berth Utilisation	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	60% (2-berth) 65% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	60% (2-berth) 65% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)
Seasonal Peaking at Berth¹	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Excluded	Excluded
Adopted Fleet Forecast	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario B Fleet
Dependent on	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission Increased ability to manage congestion associated with seasonal peaking and/or acceptance of decreased level of service in these times	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission Increased ability to manage congestion associated with seasonal peaking and/or acceptance of decreased level of service in these times Ability for 11,500TEU vessels to visit Swanson Dock

¹ Seasonal peaking in yard is maintained under all scenarios

The modelling indicated that the future combined capacity of the terminals is between 4,190,000 - 5,086,000 TEU/annum, dependent on eight (8) different scenarios as outlined in the following figure.

Five (5) scenarios fall between 4,190,000 to 4,737,000 TEU/annum. The remaining three (3) scenarios rely upon multiple future eventualities and stretch potential capacity to 5,010,000 – 5,085,000 TEU/annum.

Figure 4 PoM Optimum Capacity Results (Peak Figures Presented)

	A	B1	B2	B3	B4	C	D	D1
Description	Current Productivities	Increased TEU Ratio	Increased Crane Rate	Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking Larger Vessels at SD
Swanson Dock East	1,482,120	1,564,650	1,628,110	1,556,540	1,717,680	1,739,370	1,741,900	1,741,900
Swanson Dock West	1,543,780	1,629,740	1,695,840	1,610,430	1,789,140	1,866,080	1,941,420	1,976,730
Webb Dock East	1,218,940	1,288,210	1,218,940	1,379,930	1,288,210	1,458,350	1,417,030	1,352,550
PoM Total	4,190,830	4,426,960	4,486,420	4,467,410	4,737,020	5,012,210	5,086,530	5,015,350

Note: *Timing of SDE, SDW and WDE peak capacities is not coincident and therefore the peak optimum capacity of PoM as a whole is slightly lower than the sum of the peak capacities of each terminal.

Regardless of scenario, the review of development of capacity over time against base trade forecasts indicated that additional capacity will be required at Port of Melbourne before 2033 where no productivity improvements are realised. This requirement would be delayed by one year (2034) where one of crane rates, TEU ratio and berth utilisation increase. Even where all 3 of these productivity

improvements are realised (as per Scenario C), seasonality is not considered (Scenario D) or larger vessels are permitted to Swanson Dock (Scenario D1), additional capacity will be required by 2041/42.

Should the high trade case eventuate, these timeframes will be brought forward by up to 3-4 years.

The following observations were noted in relation to the above results.

- > The quay line productivity of each terminal under Scenario A falls within the limits that would be reasonably expected of an origin-destination terminal. The quayline productivities under Scenario B1-D1 are also considered reasonable into the future where future productivity enhancements are realised, albeit some considered to be at the upper end of what may be achievable.
- > The crane productivity of each terminal falls within what may be reasonably expected of a productive terminal in the future where crane utilisation of 45% can be achieved and consistently maintained.
- > Under Scenario A the optimum terminal capacity is reached in the following years (subject to assumptions made, including fleet profile, crane deployment etc):
 - o Webb Dock East - 2045
 - o Swanson Dock East - 2040
 - o Swanson Dock West - 2040
- > The ability to reach the quoted capacities prior to these dates would require variation to the assumed modelling inputs, particularly in relation to crane deployment by vessel size.
- > Under Scenario B1 to B3, individual changes under three different parameters were tested. The parameter that had the largest impact was the crane rate which increased total Port of Melbourne capacity by up to 300,000 TEU/annum.
- > In Scenario C, an increase in crane rate, berth utilisation and TEU ratio was tested. Under this scenario, the optimum terminal capacity is indicatively effective in the following years (subject to assumptions made including fleet profile, crane deployment etc):
 - o Webb Dock East - 2045
 - o Swanson Dock East - 2048
 - o Swanson Dock West - 2040
- > Scenario D explored the stretch capacity where seasonal peaking at berth was not considered (in addition to assumed productivity improvements). The impact of this (above Scenario C) varied year-by-year and was up to an additional 165,000 TEU/annum capacity port-wide.
- > Scenario D1 explored the potential capacity where a larger fleet size was able to frequent Swanson Dock (in addition to assumed productivity improvements). The impact of this (above Scenario C) varied year-by-year and was up to an additional 265,000 TEU/annum capacity port-wide.
- > All scenarios assume that Swanson Dock Operators will convert to 1 over 3 straddles as required to increase yard capacity.
- > Scenarios B1 to C are dependent on a combination of the following:
 - o TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70
 - o Vessel schedule reliability improves and/or shipping lines accepting lower service levels/increased waiting time

- Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpm noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission

Suggested Performance Metrics

The capacity modelling indicates that the capacity at all three (3) of the PoM container terminals is predominately dictated by the productivity achieved at berth.

In order to monitor terminal capacity at each of the terminals and any surplus capacity that exists, the following performance metrics are suggested when monitoring terminal capacity (to be measured at each terminal):

- > Actual wait time:service time ratios experienced by the fleet
- > Berth utilisation figures
- > Berth productivity in terms of containers/hour
- > Actual dwell times in the yard
- > Average yard utilisation figures
- > Peak yard utilisation figures
- > Average truck turnaround times (taken from truck arrival/scheduled window time)

These figures should be measured over a suitable time period (quarterly is recommended) so as to provide an accurate picture of terminal operations and not be distorted by short-term anomalies.

1 Report Introduction

1.1 Overview

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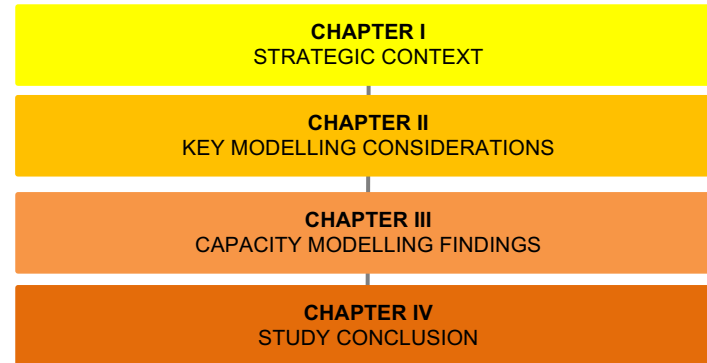
The assessment includes comprehensive capacity analysis at all three (3) international container terminals located at the Port. Whilst the study is desktop based, each terminal has been assessed using exclusive Black Quay capacity models and substantial investigations.

It is noted that the study of capacity does not consider the structural capacity of the infrastructure, including particular wharves to cater for increased vessels and crane loadings.

Various discussions were held with Port of Melbourne staff to assess the validity and suitability of the data and information provided by the Port. Stakeholder feedback was also invited on the Draft Report. A summary of the Stakeholder Consultation process is provided in Section 1.5.

1.2 Report Structure

The study chapters are illustrated below.



1.3 Hierarchy of Documents

Where conflicting information exists within the documentation that has been provided, the following hierarchy of documents has been applied:

1. Clarifications provided directly by PoM
2. PoM Provided Trade and Fleet Forecasts
3. BITRE Waterline 67
4. Other PoM and Stevedore (Operator) Supplied material
5. Other Publicly accessible documentation

1.4 Port Concession Deed Definitions

Throughout this document, reference is made to the inputs and assumptions underlying the assessment of capacity of each of the three (3) container terminals.

The Port Concession Deed, signed between the Victorian Government and Port of Melbourne, defines the Actual Capacity as follows:

PoM Actual Capacity means the aggregate of:

- (a) the number of TEUs that facilities on the PoM Lease Land are capable of loading from Vessels in accordance with Good Operating Practice; and*
- (b) the number of TEUs that facilities on the PoM Lease Land are capable of unloading from ships in accordance with Good Operating Practice,*
in any given period, taking into account:
 - (c) the effective berth, crane and yard capacity available to service the facilities during the period;*
 - (d) the capacity of road and rail infrastructure inside the Port during the period and that is relevant to moving TEUs to and from the facilities when that road and rail infrastructure is managed, operated and maintained in accordance with good industry practice and the terms of the Transaction Document(e) applicable Laws (including those regulating safety and the environment) and Approvals in force during the period; and*

but excluding any TEUs the loading and unloading of which is attributable to:

- (f) the handling and logistics services used or provided during the period at a level or efficiency that (having regard to technical, labour, Cost and safety factors and applicable Laws and the conditions of applicable Approvals) exceeded the levels that could reasonably be expected to be sustained (applying good industry practice) continuously for a period of five consecutive years; or*
- (g) the use of equipment or labour in that period which is not permanently available for handling of TEUs (other than labour mobilised to respond to increased TEU traffic at the Port in the two months prior to 25 December).*

Good operating practice is defined as:

- (a) adherence to a standard of practice which includes the exercise of that degree of skill, diligence, due care, prudence and foresight which would reasonably be expected of a reasonably experienced, competent, prudent and qualified operator of the Port (where that standard and that degree are not to be read down or limited at any time based on the fact that the Transaction Documents and Port Lessee and Port Manager's occupation of the Port have a finite term); and*
- (b) without limiting paragraph (a) of this definition, provision of appropriate services and facilities for the ease of access to, expeditious and safe movement in and efficient use of the Total Concession Area and Core Port Infrastructure by Vessels, vehicles and other users of the Port (where what is appropriate is not to be*

read down or limited at any time based on the fact that the Transaction Documents and Port Lessee and Port Manager's occupation of the Port have a finite term).

When determining appropriate input assumptions for the capacity modelling, particularly those informed by historic figures, Black Quay has had regard to the definitions above, in particular, good operating practice and productivities which could reasonably be expected to be sustained over a period of five (5) consecutive years.

1.5 Stakeholder Consultation Process

A Draft Report was included in a package of documentation released by PoM for stakeholder/industry feedback in September 2022.

The intent of the stakeholder engagement was to obtain specific feedback in relation to the capacity modelling so as to ensure that the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) undertaken² is appropriate to support decision making. Feedback was invited on the following two (2) questions;

- > Are the input assumptions reasonable?
- > Are there additional scenarios to be considered (including stevedore development options)?

² Black Quay understand that CBA will be undertaken by others following the fleet, trade and capacity modelling.

The process included one-on-one interviews with two of the three container stevedores³ in which these parties were encouraged to request clarification on the model inputs and process to assist in their written submissions.

Written submissions were received from all three container stevedores as well as a variety of other stakeholders, including shipping lines and the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA). A second round of one on one interviews was held with all three container stevedores to further discuss this feedback.

Black Quay has reviewed the feedback received by the various parties and revised the report and modelling where deemed appropriate, as well as provided written responses to any queries raised by them.

A summary of stakeholder feedback received and how it has been considered is provided within Appendix E.

³ The third stevedore declined an invite for an interview.

Chapter I: Strategic Context

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2 Containerisation and the Port of Melbourne

2.1 The Global Container Trade Industry

In its 60-year history, containerization has continued to increase its domination as the primary transport mechanism in shipping.

The international shipping industry is today responsible for the transportation of approximately 90% of world trade, and this is marginally increasing despite the evolution of aviation as a partial alternative.

Approximately 5,400 container ships vessels are registered in the world today, and in 2020, transported approximately 811million TEU's in goods across the globe (UNCTAD, 2020).

In the 1950's it was recognised that the creation of a standardised and stackable method to transport goods of all types, would provide sizeable efficiencies, not only in the unloading and loading of vessels, but in the transfer to landside transport too.

From the establishment of the first container vessel (a converted oil tanker capable of carrying 58 TEU), container shipping quickly took hold as considerable time and cargo rate reductions were realised.

Although the modern concept was invented in the United States, the world's first purpose built cellular container vessel was built in Australia (MV Koorringa) in 1964.

The gains realised resulted in the establishment of ISO standards for the dimensions and characteristics of containers. The

standardisation also enabled more aggressive investment in ships and container-handling equipment, which in turn facilitated further efficiency gains.

The driver in the widescale adoption and astronomic growth in container shipping since this time is primarily due to the combinations of efficiencies and standardisation (in vessels, ports, handling equipment and landside transport) that containerisation enables.

In addition, containerised shipping has driven large-scale changes in the industries that it services. Just-in-time manufacturing became viable due to the now more predictable nature of the shipping task, and the movement of both manufacturing materials and finished products could be controlled more efficiently.

2.2 Australian Containerised Cargo

International containerized cargo to Australian ports in 2020/21 is depicted in Figure 5. The combined Ports of Sydney (Port Botany) and Melbourne account for approximately 68% of all container traffic in Australia, clearly demonstrating the link between the country's two largest cities and the trading fortunes of the entire country.

Furthermore, the combined east coast container trade (based around Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane) accounted for approximately 85.4% of Australian containerised trade.

Port of Melbourne is currently the largest primary international container port in Australia, representing over 35% of the nation's task.

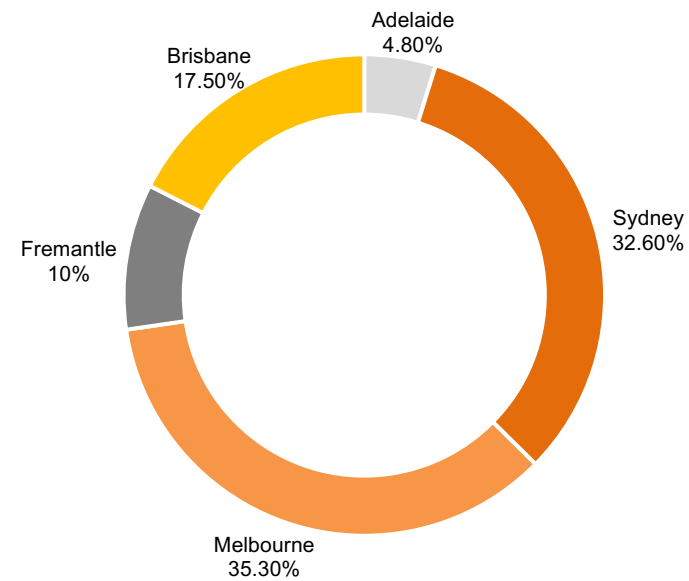
Figure 5 Australian Primary International Container Terminals (Black Quay, 2022)



* 2020/21 Figures as per ACCC data

The approximate market shares of the nation's top ports are illustrated in Figure 6. Melbourne's share has increased slightly since 2019.

Figure 6 Australian Container Port Market Share 2020/21 (ACCC, 2020/21)



2.3 The Container Terminal Regime

Container terminals are highly specific operational regimes, governed by dedicated infrastructure elements, which operating collectively, represent the system.

There is a common misconception that elements within the system are the cause of either high performance or poor performance. Whilst an element might prove to be the weakest or strongest link, it is the performance of the entire system that is affected. In other words, the performance of each element within a container terminal system is only as good as all others that make up the system.

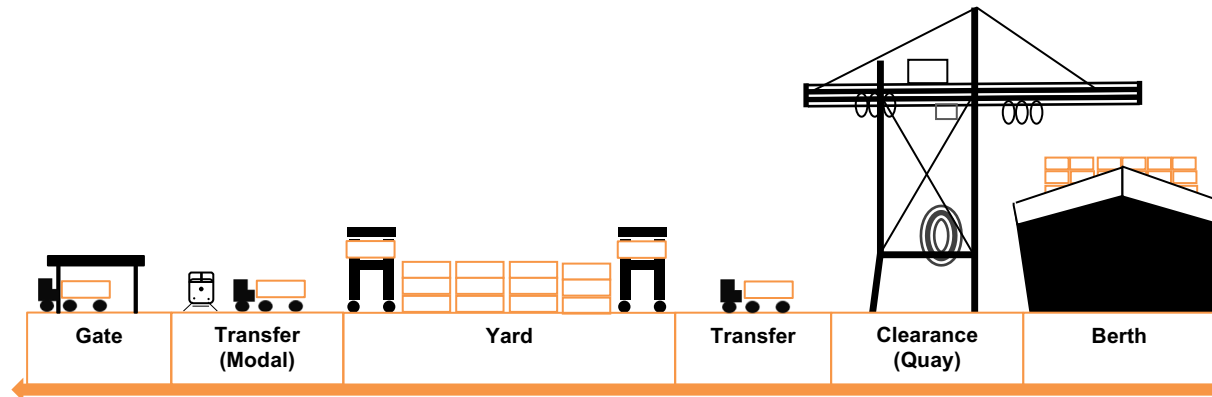
The regimes adopted in different terminals around the world differ significantly depending on the port type, port task and the subsequent infrastructure regime employed. Infrastructure and operational regime trends in the world's major transshipment ports for instance are significantly different from primary spoke ports such as those in Australia.

This is largely because of the volumes involved at transshipment ports, and more importantly, due to the operational requirement for transfer of low dwell time containers from one ship to another. In contrast, the spoke ports can experience higher and more variable dwell times due to the pick-up or drop-off periods generated by the wider supply chain.

However, the basic system of throughput can be generalized in order to understand the general objective of a terminal.

The following figure illustrates the basic container terminal module based around imports. An export regime generally mirrors this in basic terms.

Figure 7 Basic Container Terminal Module: Import Focused (Black Quay Consulting, 2015)



2.4 Port of Melbourne Overview

Port of Melbourne is currently the largest container port in Australia by throughput, handling approximately 8,000 TEU per day and around 3million TEU per year.

Container trade at the port is predominately international import and export related to and from Victoria, but it also handles Trans-Tasman trade along with some interstate trade (Southern New South Wales and South Australia).

The Port is home to three (3) international container terminals, with two located within the Swanson Dock Precinct, and the third at Webb Dock. These are the terminals assessed and modelled as part of this study and are described below.

2.4.1 Swanson Dock East⁴

Swanson Dock East (SDE) is operated by Patrick Terminals and is the largest container terminal by yard area in the Port (approximately 40ha). The terminal operates using a manual straddle regime and will have direct rail access (upon completion of the port rail transformation project).

It includes 884m of Berthline within the quay serviced by seven (7) STS gantry cranes and an alongside depth of 14.6m, facilitating a maximum draught of 14.0m⁵. It is operated as a three (3) berth

⁴ Terminal information sourced from PoM-supplied information and terminal operator websites.

⁵ From current Harbour Master Directions, December 2021

facility and can reportedly accommodate vessels up to 10,000 TEU in size.

Total throughput in FY21 was 981,000 TEU.

2.4.2 Swanson Dock West (DPW)⁴

The Swanson Dock West (SDW) terminal is operated by DP World Australia (DPWA) with a terminal area of approximately 37ha (excluding West Swanson Intermodal Terminal (WSIT)), also using manual straddles. It is located opposite SDE within the Swanson Dock Precinct and has direct rail access.

With Coode Road West now closed, DPWA utilise this area for the West Swanson Intermodal terminal. It is understood that where required, DPWA use this area to the terminal's north for storing empty containers to alleviate pressure on the yard.

The terminal includes 944m of berthline⁶, operating as a three (3) berth terminal, with an alongside depth of 14.6m (facilitating a maximum draught of 14.0m)⁵ serviced by seven (7) STS gantry cranes. The terminal can reportedly accommodate vessels up to 10,000 TEU in size.

The terminal had a FY21 throughput of 1,048,000 TEU.

⁶ PoM-supplied material indicates that the first 35m of SDW is impacted because of swing basin manoeuvring restrictions.

2.4.3 Webb Dock East (VICTL) ⁴

The Webb Dock East (WDE) terminal is located in the Webb Dock Precinct and was developed as the Port’s third container terminal. It includes 35.4ha of total terminal area (partially undeveloped) and is operated as an automated terminal, including an ASC and ACC yard regime.

It includes 660m of berth with an alongside depth of 14.6m⁵, which can reportedly accommodate vessels up to 347m LOA (indicatively 12,000 TEU in size) and 14.0m draft. This is expected to be increased as part of future Webb Dock works to allow access to vessels up to 14,000TEU (at 14.0m draft). It currently operates as a two-berth terminal utilising five (5) STS gantry cranes.

The terminal had a FY21 throughput of 898,000 TEU.

2.5 Planned Melbourne Terminal Developments

The capacity modelling is based on the existing terminals only and does not consider wider container capacity projects.

However, it is understood that PoM is currently undertaking, or intending to undertake, the following capacity improvement initiatives to the existing terminals and these have been included within the capacity modelling, where relevant.

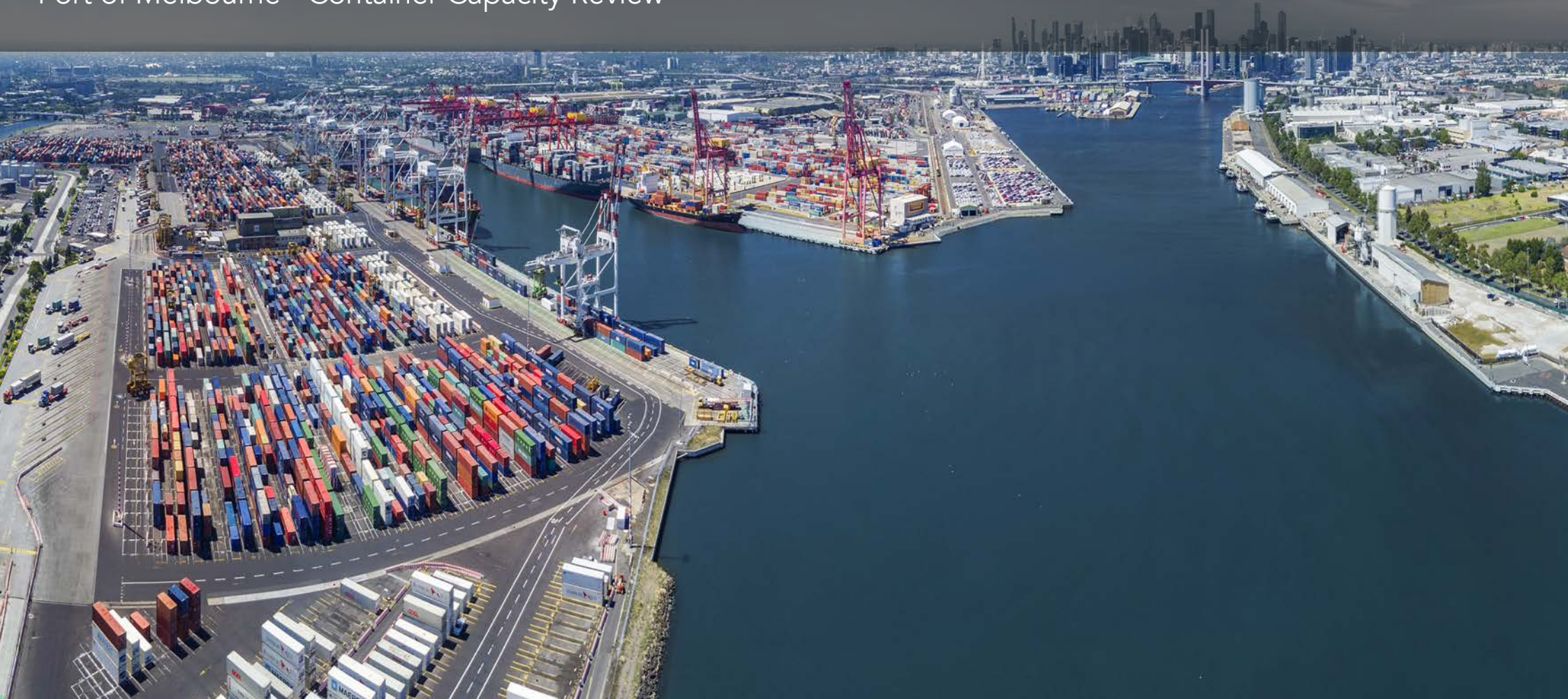
⁷ Modelling assumes delivery in 2025

Figure 8 Container Related Development Strategy Projects

Terminal	Scope	Indicative Delivery Timing*
SDE and SDW Berth Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berth and Crane Beam Remediation to support larger cranes Bollard upgrade for larger vessels Trials for larger vessels, vessel simulations and berth aid installation to optimise navigation 	Approx. 2025-2027 ⁷
Port Rail Transformation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of rail access at Swanson Dock through the development of a new East Swanson Rail Terminal and delivery of upgraded rail access, connections, and sidings within the Port. Closure of Coode Rd East which is expected to be complete within 18 months. 	FY21-FY23
WDE Extension/Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of WDE Berth 4 by around 71m to the north (with removal of Berth 3 knuckle area) to provide WDE with around 731m of serviceable container berth length. This will be supported by a mooring dolphin to the south, which is understood will provide a serviceable berth length of 746m thus enabling the operation of two large container vessels concurrently. Increased terminal area for VICT of approximately 2%. This is expected to allow an increase of 5 ASC yard blocks when required with 3 of these blocks assumed to be online in 2023. 	FY22-FY23

Chapter II: Key Modelling Considerations (Model Inputs)

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3 General Terminal Planning Criteria

3.1 Container Trade Forecasts

Port of Melbourne container trade forecasts to 2050 were undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics and provided by Port of Melbourne, dated 26th June 2023. The forecasts were broken down across full, empty, import, export and transshipment volumes, including both international and Bass Strait trade. Bass Strait trade was excluded.

An upper, lower and baseline forecast was included within the provided forecasts. The baseline trade forecasts were utilised for Black Quay's modelling.

The trade forecasts do not provide expectations of the anticipated rail proportion over time. Port of Melbourne has clarified that it should be assumed that the road gate can cater for full volumes.

Trade forecasts also do not provide itemisation of dry versus reefer containers. Port of Melbourne has clarified that, for Swanson Dock, differentiation between these categories is not required as the Swanson Dock operators will take short and long-term measures when they exceed their fixed reefer capacity. For Webb Dock, no differentiation has been made, however can be incorporated into the model where this information is provided.

3.2 Container Fleet Forecasts

Fleet forecasts to 2050 were undertaken by GHD (dated 5th July 2023) and provided by Port of Melbourne. These forecasts considered two (2) fleet scenarios as follows;

- > Scenario A – Business as usual
- > Scenario B – with increase in Swanson Dock maximum vessel to 11,500TEU

For the capacity analysis, the fleet forecasting information was required to understand how the berthline at each of the terminals would operate over time under the changing forecast fleet.

As an example, in the current year, a particular berthline may equate to three (3) full berths for the current fleet. However, with the expectation of a changing fleet in the future, this berthline may act more like a 2-berth facility for a certain proportion of the time.

Whilst actual vessel visitation in the future may vary from the forecasts provided, it is assumed that visitation will still reflect the fleet profile provided in the Port of Melbourne forecasts.

The forecasts provide information on each anticipated service to each dock (Swanson Dock and Webb Dock) over time to 2050. Dimensions assumed for each vessel size have been taken from the fleet forecasts and summarised in the following table.

It was assumed that the anticipated fleet calling at Swanson Dock is divided equally between SDE and SDW.

Figure 9 Assumed Vessel Dimensions by Size (PoM Provided Fleet Forecasts, 2022)

Reference Vessel Size Class Dimensions	PoM Dock	Dimensions - LOA x Beam (m)	Vessel Name (& Operator)	TEU	Year of Build
<1,000 TEU	SD&WD	L 158 x B 22	Kokopo Chief (Swire)	981	1991
1,000-1,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 176 x B 27	Hansa Freyburg (ANL)	1,740	2003
2,000-2,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 225 x B 30 / L 217 x B 32	Porto (Zim)	2,790	2010
3,000-3,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 254 x B 32	Spirit of Singapore (HSud)	3,630	2007
4,000-4,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 294 x B 32 / L 255 x B 37	Hyundai Integral (HMM)	4,728	2008
5,000-5,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 277-281 x B 40	CMA CGM Chopin (CMA)	5,782	2004
6,000-6,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 304-306 x B 40	Al Rawdah (HL)	6,921	2008
7,000-7,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 300-323 x B 43	Santa Catarina (Maersk)	7,154	2011
8,000-8,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 335 x B 43 / L 300 x B 48	OOCL Miami (OOCL)	8,888	2013
9,000-9,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 328-337 x B 45-46 / L 300 x B 48	MSC Susanna (MSC)	9,178	2005
10,000-10,999 TEU	SD&WD	L 300 x B 48	CMA CGM Ural (CMA CGM)	10,622	2015
11,000-11,999 TEU	WD	L 330-334 x B 48	Ever Fame	11,888	2021
12,000-12,999 TEU	WD	L 366 x B 48	Rome Express (Hapag-Lloyd)	12,552	2010
13,000-13,999 TEU	WD	L 366 x B 51	ONE Manchester (ONE)	13,870	2015
14,000-14,999 TEU	WD	L 366-369 x B 51	COSCO Shipping Denali	14,500	2018

3.3 TEU to Box Ratio

The TEU to box ratio factor is the ratio of TEU to actual containers handled.

BITRE Waterline 68 highlights a TEU to box ratio of approximately 1.60 across the PoM container terminals (January to June 2021). Waterline 68 highlights that whilst the TEU factor has grown since 2019, it has remained relatively constant at 1.60 over the last 3 reporting quarters (Dec 2020, Mar 2021 and June 2021).

In the absence of any forecast changes to the TEU ratio contained within the trade forecasts, Black Quay has adopted two scenarios for the capacity modelling with consideration of the BITRE data and stakeholder feedback:

1. A constant ratio of 1.60 is adopted across the forecast period
2. An assumed increase of the TEU factor to 1.70 by 2030 (and remaining at 1.70 beyond this time)

With reference to the capacity formula included within Section 8, it is noted that the TEU factor holds a proportional relationship.

3.4 Considered Terminal Operating Times

Based upon feedback provided by Patrick Terminals, annual terminal operating hours has been taken as 8505 hours per annum.

This is understood to allow for 56 non-working hours for special events (across days such as Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day), along with provision for bad weather (approximately 2%).

3.5 Seasonal Peaking

When conducting container terminal analysis, it is considered prudent for the calculated capacities to consider fluctuations in trade over time.

The reasons for this are reasonably straightforward. If ultimate (or maximum) capacities are considered for planning purposes, this could present significant risks to terminal productivity in the first instance, as well as potential safety risks.

To explain this further, when a terminal is working at maximum capacity, even minor deviations from perfect operating conditions result in a declining chain-effect. The entire terminal system is worked so hard that it can have the opposite effect, where inefficiencies develop, and in turn, a reduction in capacity and productivity is experienced.

Accordingly, the analysis described throughout the report allows for a factor applied to the maximum annual capacity to consider allowance for expected fluctuations across the course of the year, namely seasonal peaking.

In confirming this factor in the PoM context, Black Quay reviewed historic information provided by PoM in relation to seasonal peaking at berth.

Over recent history, figures of up to 27% were experienced⁸, which is expected to be due to pandemic-related disruptions.

Therefore, pre-pandemic data in 2019 was reviewed (refer to the following figure) which demonstrates that seasonal peaking appeared to typically be between 10-14% (varying by Operator).

Figure 10 Historic PoM Peaking - 2019 (Port of Melbourne)

Berth Moves	VICT	Patrick	DPW	All
Month 1	24,944	60,219	67,425	152,922
Month 2	20,904	53,125	62,366	136,473
Month 3	24,320	59,886	45,273	129,680
Month 4	26,239	57,873	55,454	139,841
Month 5	24,243	57,060	61,762	143,230
Month 6	23,808	53,618	55,720	133,204
Month 7	26,598	57,613	56,201	140,464
Month 8	21,378	52,836	58,824	133,142
Month 9	28,428	55,342	65,525	146,321
Month 10	27,935	59,102	67,871	155,235
Month 11	36,371	49,600	61,361	147,617
Month 12	34,356	41,872	63,120	139,447
Sum	319,524	658,146	720,902	1,697,576
Peak	36,371	60,219	67,871	155,235
Peaking Factor	1.37	1.10	1.13	1.10
Peaking Factor for VICT (months 1-10) ¹	1.14			

⁸ Figure provided by DPW during stakeholder feedback process

Note: 1. Given that VICT's volumes for the last 2 months of the year were substantially higher than previous months, peaking was also calculated without these months which appears to be closer to Port of Melbourne's overall value and in line with values from other Stevedores.

On the basis of the above, seasonal peaking factors adopted in the model were as follows:

- > 10% (berth)
- > 15% (yard)⁹

Taking this into account, the optimum annual capacity is calculated as equal to:

$$\frac{\text{Maximum Capacity}}{(1 + \text{seasonal peaking factor})}$$

The following should be noted in relation to this factor:

- > The magnitude of the factor is not an exact science and reflects a balance of managing risk versus over-investment. For example, a greater factor could be adopted which assumes the occurrence of maximum seasonal peaks (such as those experienced during COVID or at VICT on Month 11 and 12 of 2019). However, the likelihood of this occurring is considered low and the investment required to cater for this contingency would likely be unacceptable by terminal operators as it would lead to underutilisation of assets and high cost exposure.
- > Whilst there may be points in time that a terminal can achieve a throughput above its optimum capacity (and closer to its maximum

⁹ Consultation with Stakeholders indicated that 15% was considered reasonable with the yard.

capacity), this is not considered to be a sustainable level of operation. In instances where optimum capacity is exceeded, it would be expected that productivity, efficiency, reliability and safety may all be negatively impacted.

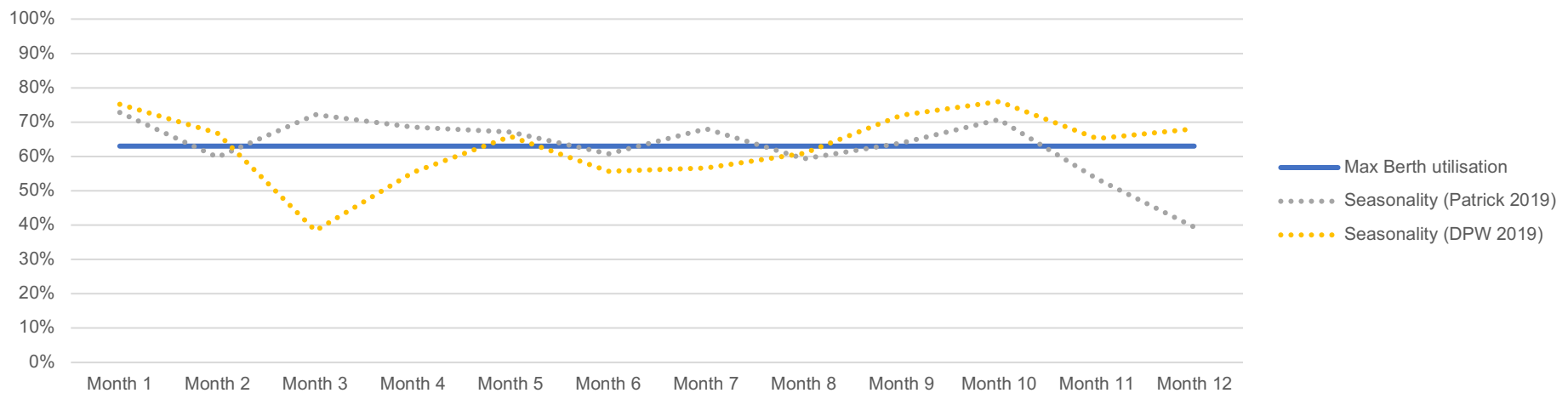
Seasonal peaking should not be confused with the berth utilisation factor (discussed in Section 4.9). The berth utilisation factor arises from the reliability of vessel schedule/variability in arrival times and the need to manage queueing outside of the berth to acceptable levels. In contrast, the seasonal peaking factor allows for variability due to shipping seasonality and therefore volumes across the wharf and the constraints/limitations these place on the berth infrastructure (STS cranes in particular).

Were seasonality not considered, then when the berthline is operating at capacity, the actual berth utilisation would be expected to resemble the profile in Figure 11 below).

The figure demonstrates the characteristics of seasonality within the PoM context which includes sustained seasonal peaks of up to 3 months operating above average volumes (and therefore elevated berth utilisation).

It is expected within these periods that additional strain and congestion would be placed upon the berth and yard, along with impacts to vessel queueing beyond those deemed tolerable (refer to Section 4.9 for discussion on berth utilisation).

Figure 11 Port of Melbourne Berth Volume Seasonality at Maximum Berth Utilisation (indicative)



With consideration to the PoM stewardship obligations, contained within the Port Concession, the application of a seasonality peaking factor is considered appropriate in the calculation of actual capacity considering productivity levels that could reasonably be expected to be sustained (applying good industry practice) continuously for a period of five consecutive years.

4 Berth Capacity Criteria

4.1 General Accessibility

The fleet forecasts make assumptions on fleet distribution across the terminals to 2050. It is understood that key principles and constraints behind the future fleet distribution are as follows:

- > Air draft for SDE and SDW is restricted due to the Westgate Bridge. These restrictions are 50.7m as per the current Harbourmaster’s Directions (edition 12.1), with any air drafts 50.1-50.7m requiring Harbourmaster clearance. PoM has advised of a general maximum vessel size restriction to 10,000 TEU at Swanson Dock (11,500 TEU under Scenario B forecasts). Whilst air draft does vary across vessels and depends on the laden conditions of the vessel, this has been considered as a general guide.
- > The Port Phillip Heads restrict the max vessel size to 14,000TEU.
- > Draft restrictions exist which may also be a constraining factor for larger vessels. Draft restrictions are a maximum of 14m at WDE and as per the Harbourmaster’s restrictions at SDE and SDW. The 14m draft restriction may limit WDE to vessels in the 10,000 – 12,500 TEU range, depending on their laden conditions.

¹⁰ It is understood from PoM-supplied material that 35m at the southern end is impacted due swing basin movements, therefore 909m of berthline has been utilised in this calculation

It is understood that the fleet forecasts assume certain infrastructure investments to accommodate larger vessels at WDE and multiple large vessels at Swanson Dock, beyond current capacity.

The fleet forecasts and associated assumptions on vessel accommodation across the terminals have largely been adopted in the modelling. Comment has been made on this within Chapter III.

4.2 Container Terminal Berth Dimensions

SDE and SDW each have four (4) notional berths on a continuous berth line. In practice, however, it is understood that these terminals typically operate as three (3) berth terminals given the size of the visiting vessels. WDE operates as a two-berth terminal, again on a continuous berth line.

A summary of the current berth lengths at each terminal is provided below.

Figure 12 Port of Melbourne Container Berth Lengths

Terminal	Quay Length (m)	Nominal Berths	Length per Berth (m)
Swanson Dock East	884m	3	294.7m
Swanson Dock West	944m	3	303m ¹⁰
Webb Dock East	660m	2	330m

In addition to the berth lengths outlined above, restrictions are placed upon the SDW and SDE operators due to the width at Swanson Dock and the constraints that this poses to vessels passing between two larger vessels berthed on opposite sides of the dock.

Noting that the lateral distance between fenders of East Swanson and West Swanson is 210m, the current Harbourmaster directions (VicPorts, 2021) state that “If the total available lateral distance between the 2 ships moored at the berth is less than 3 times the beam of the passing ship and provided there is a minimum of 40 m distance available on either side of the passing ship”, additional conditions will apply subject to the approval by the Harbourmaster. These conditions include headline towage, maximum wind speeds and limitations on vessels berthed south of the 20m chainage mark on SDE.

In addition to the above requirement, the Harbourmaster’s directions state that “When a vessel with an LOA of 290 m or greater is to berth at Swanson Dock, the southernmost 50 m of the berth at Swanson Dock 1 West should be unoccupied”. A risk assessment and decision process should be applied if this is not the case.

Other restrictions at Swanson Dock contained within the Harbourmaster’s directions are as follows:

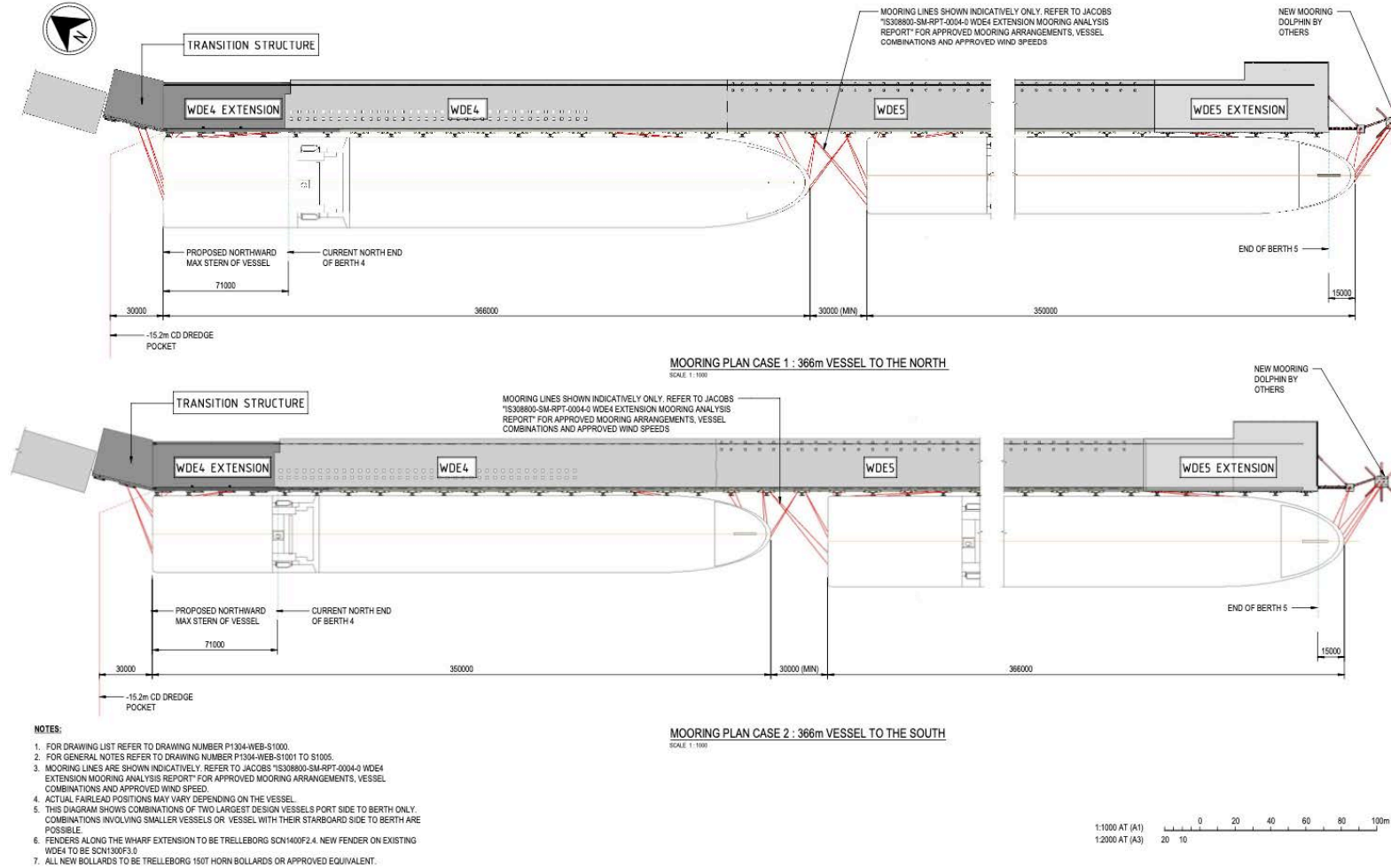
- > Vessels with a beam greater than 32.5 m are not permitted to berth at 1 West Swanson
- > Vessels with a beam greater than 42.9 m are not permitted to berth at 1 East Swanson

- > Vessels with a beam greater than 45.6 m must berth at 3 East / West Swanson
- > East Swanson southernmost 200 m is to be unoccupied for Arrival and Departure of vessels over 310m LOA and/or 42.9m beam with crane booms up
- > West Swanson southernmost 50 m (for arriving vessels with LOA 310- 325 m) or southernmost 200 m (for arriving vessels with LOA equal to or greater than 325 m) is to be unoccupied for arrival and departure with crane booms up

The numerous restrictions at Swanson Dock require careful management, planning and scheduling between Swanson Dock operators and the VicPorts Harbour Master/Port Control Centre. The capacity analysis assumes that this co-operation, management and scheduling will continue between all parties to maximise the use of Swanson Dock and manage inefficiencies.

At Webb Dock, the following figure outlines the useable berth area post-knuckle removal, with vessels at WDE able to operate right up to the end of the berth.

Figure 13 WDE Mooring Plan (post-knuckle removal) (Source: Jacobs)



4.3 Consideration of Temporary Works

PoM has noted that DPWA will be undergoing extensive berth remediation in the coming years which will temporarily reduce their berth availability for this period.

The capacity modelling will depict the intended design capacity across this period.

4.4 Calculation of Effective Berths

The calculation of the number of effective berths for each terminal factors the nominal berth numbers with consideration to the forecast fleet (over time).

Whilst this can be most effectively modelled within a dynamic analysis, in a static analysis, guidance provided by UNCTAD (UNCTAD Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on Assessing Port Performance Room, “The Capacity in Container Port Terminals”) has been adopted.

This guidance calculates the number of effective berths ‘n’ as follows:

$$n = \frac{\text{Total berthline}}{\text{Average vessel length} \times (100\% + \text{separation distance}^{11})}$$

¹¹ Refer to Mooring Gap Assumptions in Section 4.6

¹² Historic information contained within BITRE Waterline 68 and the Productivity Commission Draft Report, suggest average cranes per vessel varied between 2.3-2.6 across 2019-2020. In Q1 2021, average cranes/vessel dropped to 2.1. The assumed Black Quay crane

4.5 Ship-to-Shore Crane Considerations

It is understood that a total of 19 Ship-to-Shore (STS) cranes currently exist across the terminals, with 7 operational cranes at each of SDE and SDW and 5 at Webb Dock East.

The following has been assumed with regards to STS cranes:

- > Cranes will be replaced by operators at the end of their useful life and/or where they are unsuitable to serve the evolving fleet (e.g. reach); whichever comes first
- > Cranes are flexible to work across each respective berthline.
- > For the purposes of calculating indicative time at berth (to inform effective berths), it is assumed that an average of two (2) cranes can work on vessels up to 5,000 TEU, three (3) cranes on vessels between 5,000-9,000 TEU, and four (4) cranes on vessels over 9,000 TEU¹². The actual number of cranes on vessels will vary on a variety of factors including crane availability and stowage plans.

It is noted that the actual number of cranes and deployment of cranes is a commercial decision undertaken by the stevedores, and it is assumed that cranes will be deployed by them as required by changing trade levels.

allocation results in an average of 2.5 cranes per vessel in 2022 (based on the forecast fleet) and is therefore deemed appropriate.

That said, in the capacity modelling, Black Quay has assumed that there is a maximum number of cranes that can be deployed on any one berthline. This is dictated by the following assumption:

- > The absolute minimum achievable crane spacing on any berthline over time is 90m

In consideration of the above, the berthlines outlined in Section 4.2, and the WDE extension works, the maximum number of cranes assumed at each terminal are as follows:

- > Swanson Dock East – 9 STS cranes maximum
- > Swanson Dock West – 10 STS cranes maximum
- > Webb Dock East – 8 STS cranes maximum

4.6 Mooring Gap Assumptions

Based upon the Harbourmaster's directions and clarifications provided by PoM, the minimum clearances between berthed vessels have been assumed as follows:

- > Swanson Dock East and Swanson Dock West: 22 m
- > Webb Dock East (berths 4 and 5): 30 m

It is understood that the northern offset limit at the head of Swanson Dock from the end of the berth to vessel stern should also be considered as 22m.

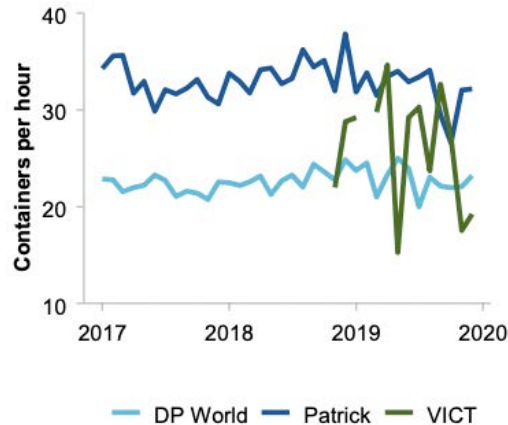
4.7 Gross Crane Rate

Gross Crane Rate is defined as the total productivity container lifts by the STS cranes from the start of the first lift to the end of the last lift, including breaks and downtimes. This factor has been utilised within the model in conjunction with crane allocation to calculate the time at berth for each vessel anticipated under the fleet forecasts.

Historic crane productivities for the Port of Melbourne by terminal is contained within the Australian Government Productivity Commission 2022, *Lifting productivity at Australia's container ports: between water, wharf and warehouse, Inquiry Draft Report, Canberra, September 2022* (herein referred to as "Productivity Commission Draft Report").

Terminal quayside productivity by operator across 2017-2019 is presented in the figure below.

Figure 14 Quayside Productivity Melbourne (Source: Productivity Commission Draft Report, 2022)



Over the period 2017-2019 the average monthly gross crane rate by terminal operator was 26.1gmph (VICT), 22.6gmph (DPW Melbourne) and 32.9gmph (Patrick Melbourne). Patricks’ cranes ranged between 27gmph and 38gmph and averaged 10 more moves in an hour than cranes at DP World’s terminal, noting that these terminals have similar levels of automation.

The Productivity Commission Draft Report notes that “reasons for these variations in performance are not clear, but restrictive work practices that make it less likely that each job in a container

¹³ This considers recent BITRE data with the maximum crane rate over recent years around 31nmph and assuming a crane working time from time of first lift to completion of last lift of approximately 87.5% (31*87.5% = 27gmph).

terminal is filled by the most appropriate person, are a clear candidate”.

Further in the Productivity Commission Draft Report, both DPW and Qube (shareholder of Patrick) note the difficulties in increasing productivity:

- > DP World submitted that “flaws in DP World’ s industrial framework impose the most urgent and significant drag on competition and productivity within Australian ports”.
- > QUBE observed that “The strong bargaining position of the Union and its ability to cause significant damage to customers in particular makes the achievement of improved productivity and efficiency extremely difficult”.

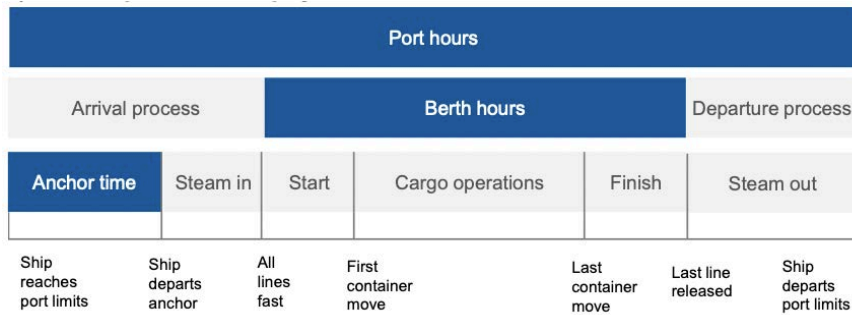
In considering to the above, and feedback provided by PoM Stevedores within their own modelling (provided post-submission of the draft capacity report), the following gross crane rates have been adopted within Black Quay’s model:

- > Scenario 1 – 27gmph average across all three (3) terminals¹³.
- > Scenario 2 – SDW increases average productivity to 30gmph, WDE productivity increases to 27gmph and SDE productivity is at 30gmph which is consistent with crane productivity assumptions in provided modelling summaries undertaken by Terminal Operators.

4.8 Vessel Productive Time

The vessel productive time factor considers the average time that a vessel is worked, as a percentage of its total time at berth. With reference to the figure below, it is equivalent to Cargo Operations divided by the Berth hours.

Figure 15 Vessel Productive Time (Source: Productivity Commission Draft Report, 2022)



An assumption of three (3) hours per vessel has been made for start & finish processes (as per the figure above), with the remaining time at berth (depicted as ‘Cargo Operations’ in the figure) calculated based on container exchange size (which have been provided within the fleet forecasts), crane deployment and productivity assumptions outlined in Sections 4.5 and 4.7.

¹⁴ Where queueing becomes unacceptable by shipping line operators, calls may be lost to competing terminals within the port, or to a competing port. As an example of this, the ACCC Stevedoring Report 2020-21 highlighted that as a result of recent congestion in Sydney, ‘some of the shipping lines have chosen to skip Sydney altogether rather than wait in queue’.

This assumption of 3 hours for start & finish processes appears reasonable when reviewing the Productivity Commission Draft Report which provides actuals for 2019 for Melbourne of 1.3 hours (Start) and 1.8 hours (Finish), amounting to a total of 3.1 hours.

4.9 Berth Utilisation Factor Review

A key factor in any assessment of throughput capacity over a quay line (regardless of product handled) is the realistic berth occupancy threshold (or ‘berth utilisation’) before vessel queuing becomes ‘unacceptable’ by the customer (shipping lines)¹⁴.

Threshold berth occupancy rates are a function of the number of berths at a terminal, and perceived acceptable wait time to service time (WT:ST) thresholds. Put simply, the more berths present, the higher the berth utilisation can be before unacceptable queueing results.

Queueing theory helps quantify this function.

4.9.1 PIANC Guidance

PIANC¹⁵ WG158 provides industry accepted guidance on the capacity evaluation of port terminals and is typically utilised by port industry professionals when calculating port capacity in a static manner.

¹⁵ PIANC is the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure. PIANC technical reports are developed by committees of leaders in the global waterborne transport community with expert guidance, recommendations, and technical advice.

PIANC WG158 acknowledges that the acceptable wait time to service time ratios vary between commodities¹⁶ with a recommendation to base design occupancies on the following average WT:ST ratios (PIANC, 2014):

- > Less than 0.3 for bulk terminals
- > Less than 0.2 for general cargo operations
- > Less than 0.1 for container terminal operations.

A number of queuing theories exist, which are either based on random arrivals or a pattern of distributed arrivals. PIANC WG158 provides for two (2) approaches:

- > Random Arrivals (based on a M/E2/n pattern)
- > Erlang 2 distributed arrivals (based on UNCTAD¹⁷ E2/E2/n pattern).

The 'Erlang 2' distributed arrivals philosophy is typically deemed the most acceptable of these theories by port industry professionals for the assessment of container terminals. Whilst it may be marginally conservative for container terminals, it is generally considered the most appropriate for a static analysis.

¹⁶ Tolerable wait time to service time ratios typically differ between commodities based upon the 'acceptance' of delays by shipping lines, which is a function of the type of service (liner or chartered), the cost of demurrage and the type of cargo. In general, liner ships (such as container vessels) work to a tight schedule and if no berth is available within a reasonable

Based upon the guidance contained within PIANC WG158, and an average WT:ST ratio of 0.1 as outlined above, container terminal berth occupancies can be considered as follows:

Figure 16 Benchmark Berth Occupancy Levels (PIANC Erlang 2 Distributed arrivals)

	Number of Berths			
Terminal Type	1 Berth	2 Berths	3 Berths	4 Berths
Container Terminal	25%	47%	58%	65%

Source: PIANC Report No 158-2014 Table 6.2

Notes: 1. Values have been linearly interpolated and/or extrapolated where required from PIANC guidelines

4.9.2 Literature Review

As part of this engagement, Black Quay has been requested to review available literature and specific PoM data (where available) to determine if any alternate berth occupancy rates should be adopted in the context of the Port of Melbourne.

In order to conduct the review, Black Quay has reviewed the following:

time of call, they may need to cancel the call or shift cargo to another port (where possible). In contrast, chartered ships are usually able to tolerate some degree of delay to berthing.

¹⁷ From UNCTAD 'Port Development, A Handbook for Planners in Developing Countries', 1985

- > Whether a WT:ST time ratio of 0.10 (as proposed by PIANC WG158) is appropriate to be adopted or, alternatively, if a different ratio should be applied
- > Regarding the WT:ST ratio confirmed in the previous point, what corresponding maximum berth utilisation level should be adopted.

Numerous scholarly papers exist in relation to queueing theories at ports, however very few of these provide definitive planning guidance on WT:ST ratios and appropriate corresponding berth utilisation levels.

However, three industry-recognised guidance documents were identified (over and above PIANC WG158) which provided quantitative guidance. These are as follows:

- > *The Capacity in Container Port Terminals*, presentation by Valenciaport Foundation¹⁸ at UNCTAD AD Hoc Expert Meeting on Assessing Port Performance, 2012 (and its supporting document *Sea Port Capacity Manual*, Monfort et al 2011)
- > *Planning and Design of Ports and Marine Terminals*, Agerschou, 2004
- > *Port Designer's Handbook*, Thoreson 2014 (Third Edition).

¹⁸ The Valenciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region ('Valenciaport Foundation') was established to expand the reach of the logistics - ports community by serving as a research, training and cooperation centre of

Thoreson states that the "ratio of the average waiting time or congestion time to the average berth service time (should be) not higher than 5–20%". This guidance does not, however, differentiate between terminal types.

Agerschou provides more precise guidance of a wait time to service time of 0.1 for container terminals which references 'experience from many economic feasibility studies'.

Whilst not in conflict with this recommendation, Monfort et al provides more context to this figure by relating the wait time to service time ratio (or 'relative wait time') to levels of service at a port.

It also acknowledges that the perceived level of service (that is, the measure of the quality perceived by customers) is not only based upon relative wait time, but also the productivity of the vessel loading/unloading once it is berthed.

This guidance is presented in the following figure.

excellence. It has a board comprising of twenty trustees from 17 different organisations, including port authorities, shipping lines, terminal operators and university.

Figure 17 Relationship between wait time and productivity to levels of service (UNCTAD 2012, excerpt from Monfort 2011)

LEVEL OF SERVICE	Relative waiting time	LEVELS OF SERVICE			
D	> 0,2	-	-	-	-
C	0,1 - 0,2	-	CC	BC	AC
B	0,05 - 0,1	-	CB	BB	AB
A	up to 0,05	-	CA	BA	AA
		< 35	35-50	50-65	> 65
		Annual average productivity of vessel at berth (P) (cont./h)			
		D	C	B	A
		LEVEL OF SERVICE			

With consideration to these documents, Black Quay has surmised the following in relation to WT:ST:

- > BITRE Waterline information on actual POM historic ship rates suggests that average lifts per ship hour at berth generally falls within 'Service B' level for productivity under the Monfort guidance
- > It is reasonable to assume that PoM terminal operators wish to maintain a level of service of at least 'B' in terms of relative wait time due to the competitive nature of the Port (between terminal operators). That is, where a terminal operator slips to 'Level C or D' service, they may risk losing a shipping line/call to another operator/terminal.
- > Given this, it could be expected that a maximum relative wait time of 0.1 would be considered acceptable, in accordance with the

guidance provided by Monfort 2011. This corresponds to an overall level of service of 'BB'.

- > Guidance provided by PIANC WG158, Agerschou and Thoreson support the adoption of a WT:ST of 0.1 for container terminals.

In relation to berth occupancy, the guidance provided by each of the guidance documents for a WT:ST of 0.1 is provided in the following table.

Figure 18 Literature Review - Indicative Berth Occupancy Levels

	Number of Berths			
	1 Berth	2 Berths	3 Berths	4 Berths
PIANC WG158	25%	47%	58%	65%
Monfort et al	31%	53%	63%	70%
Agerschou	17%	40%	52%	60%
Thoreson¹	45%	50%	55%	65%

Source: Thoreson, Agerschou, Monfort and PIANC

Notes:

1. Utilisation based upon 'high' control of ship arrival
2. It is expected that the high variance in recommendations for a one-berth terminal is in a large part due to the variance between control of ship arrival times at small facilities with single berths

4.9.3 Port of Melbourne Context

Little information has been provided on historic shipping arrival patterns, vessel wait times and berth utilisations at Port of Melbourne, particularly at a terminal level.

However, recent port-wide statistics contained within BITRE Waterline 67 enables some understanding of actual shipping delays and utilisations experienced at Port of Melbourne. This information is presented in the following table.

In viewing this data, it should be recognised that information contained within the Productivity Commission Draft Report, 2022 supports anecdotal information provided by stevedores that vessel schedule integrity (or proportion of on-schedule arrivals) has reduced dramatically since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. The information contained within the Productivity Report suggests that this trend has not yet reverted back to pre-pandemic levels.

Therefore, the data presented in the figure is based on vessel arrivals with poorer vessel scheduling than has been experienced at the Port pre-pandemic. This point is revisited later in this section.

It should also be noted that the BITRE data on time at anchorage has been used as a proxy for wait time. Other measures taken by shipping lines due to congestion such as slow steaming, waiting outside of port limits and/or skipping a port due to congestion is not captured and therefore the calculated WT:ST may not capture all congestion issues. This results in a potential for underestimation of the WT:ST.

Figure 19 Recent Port of Melbourne Shipping Data (BITRE Waterline 67)

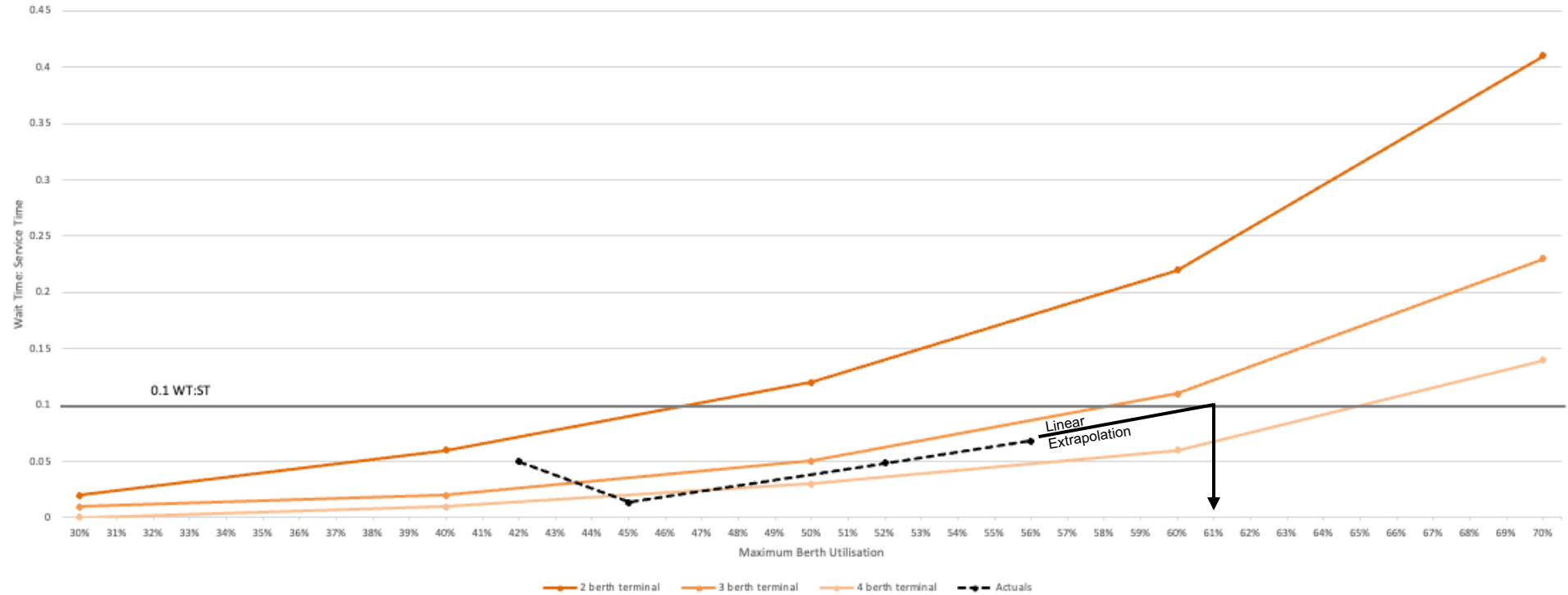
	2020			
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Percentage of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%) ¹	4.1	5.4	9.0	9.0
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours) ¹	14.4	37.3	26.1	36.3
Median of ship turnaround time (hours) ¹	42.4	40.5	48.8	48.0
Total time ships spent at berth (hours) ¹	7,780	7,396	9,027	9,723
Total number of Berths ²	8	8	8	8
Total berth hours ^{2,3}	17,472	17,472	17,472	17,472
Median waiting time at anchorage (all vessels) ²	0.6	2.0	2.4	3.3
Median wait time: service time ²	0.014	0.050	0.048	0.068
Total berth utilisation ²	45%	42%	52%	56%

Notes:

1. Information directly from BITRE Waterline 67
2. Information calculated from BITRE data
3. Assumes 91 days at 24 hours per day in a quarter

Black Quay has plotted this information against the PIANC WG158 information on ratio of queuing time to service time for varying berth numbers and berth occupancy in the following figure.

Figure 20 PIANC Ratio of Queue Time to Service time (Erlang Distribution) vs. Port of Melbourne actuals (Black Quay, 2022)



Whilst the terminals at Melbourne have between 2 and 3 berths, the graph above suggests that a berth utilisation profile for Port of Melbourne as a whole sits between PIANC recommendations for a 3-berth and a 4-berth terminal. This is to be expected given that PIANC note that their profile is slightly conservative for a container terminal.

In reviewing this, within the second half of 2020, various works on the Swanson Dock berthlines (both SDE and SDW) resulted in both acting as 2 berth terminals temporarily. In fact, reflecting on the information supplied by PoM, in the second half of 2020, SDE operated with an average of 2.1 effective berths, and SDW with an average of 2.8 effective berths.

Therefore, it could be expected that the achievable berth utilisation for a 3-berth terminal would be slightly higher than 61% as mapped, and lower than 61% for a 2-berth terminal.

4.9.4 Recommended Berth Utilisation Factor

The review demonstrates that whilst the PIANC WG158 guidelines are considered a sound general basis for port planning, actual 2020 figures from BITRE indicate that these are slightly conservative when forecasting the relationship between WT:ST and berth utilisation at Port of Melbourne. This is not unexpected given that PIANC acknowledge the Erlang 2 distributed arrivals profile is likely to be conservative for container terminals.

This must be balanced with an understanding that the BITRE data may underestimate congestion to some degree given time at

¹⁹ Refer to Section 10 for proposed approach to accurately capture congestion and queuing going forward

anchorage has been used as a proxy for wait time, as previously mentioned in Section 4.9.3¹⁹.

Given this and the alternative profiles presented in the literature review, it is suggested that the Monfort berth utilisation profile (for 0.1 WT:ST) is the most appropriate for this study. This is the less conservative of the profiles reviewed.

Therefore, the following berth utilisations have been adopted for the capacity analysis, assuming vessel schedule integrity remains at current levels.

Figure 21 Proposed Berth Occupancy Levels (for WT:ST = 0.1)

	Number of Berths			
	1 Berth	2 Berths	3 Berths	4 Berths
Monfort et al	31%	53%	63%	70%

Note: Where the number of effective berths falls between these figures, berth occupancy has been interpolated.

As previously outlined, a decrease in the reliability of vessel arrival times has been experienced in recent times due to the Covid19 pandemic. Whilst information contained within the Productivity Commission Draft Report suggests that there has not yet been an increase in vessel reliability post-2020, it is possible that this may occur as the lingering effects of the pandemic ease.

Therefore, scenario testing within the capacity analysis has also considered increased utilisation to 65% for a 3-berth terminal and

60% for a 2-berth terminal which reflects a scenario where vessel reliability improves in the future or where a slight increase in WT:ST ratio (from the 0.1 assumed as per the review in Section 4.9.2) is considered acceptable by shipping lines.

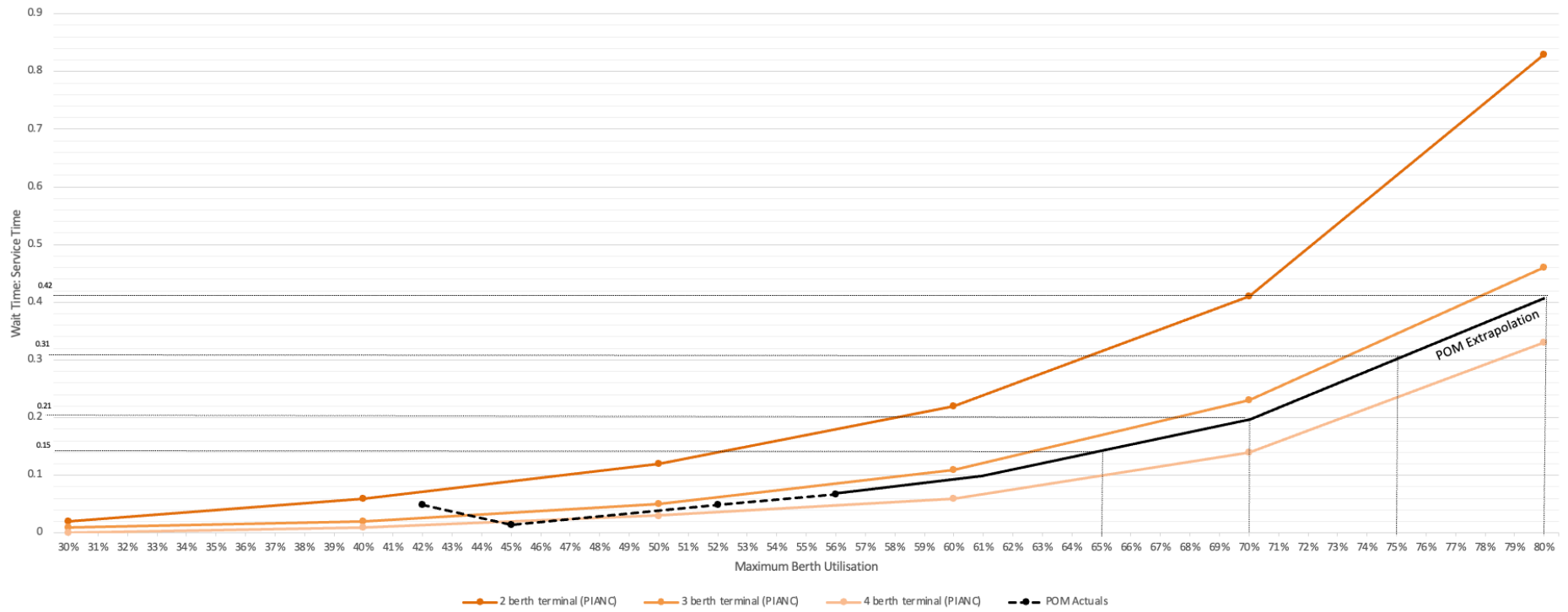
It is worth noting that the scenarios above assume that the terminal operators would wish to maintain a minimum service level of 'BB' as defined by Monfort in Figure 17. This level is consistent with maintaining a 0.1 WT:ST ratio (refer Section 4.9.2 for review of appropriateness of this factor) and reflects productivities at berth which would be considered the minimum requirement for the fleet size forecast to visit Port of Melbourne.

Individually, terminal operators may elect to pursue a higher berth utilisation level. However, this would likely be to the detriment of service level and result in customer dissatisfaction and potential loss of the service to another terminal and/or port (assuming a competitive environment). This is not dissimilar to what has been observed in Sydney recently (refer Footnote 14).

To further highlight this point and with extrapolation of the PoM-wide profile contained within Figure 21, it could be expected that the level of queueing at Melbourne could increase to 0.21WT:ST at 70% utilisation and 0.42 WT:ST at 80% utilisation.

This is depicted in the figure below.

Figure 22 Forecast Service impacts at Higher Berth Utilisations (Black Quay, 2022)



4.9.5 Wider Impacts Related to Berth Utilisation

In addition to providing a poor level of service to customers, high levels of berth utilisation and associated high wait times, can also cause the following issues within a terminal, including:

- > Once vessel queuing increases to a certain level, it can be difficult to clear due to the ongoing nature of arrivals, and this becomes a compounding issue.
- > Where high vessel queuing exists, this also impacts on yard congestion. In essence, the increased failure in calls meeting their scheduled timeslot (i.e. increased delay) has an impact on containers in the yard (particularly export), which greatly increases dwell time. This can also have a compounding effect in the yard. It should be noted that into the future, the requirements of IMO 2023 in relation to slow steaming may further exacerbate delays and decrease the ability for shipping lines to make up time.

Beyond the terminal, high berth utilisations can also impact the wider supply chain. In line with the above points on impacts within the port gates, impacts outside the gates are typically compounded from inner terminal congestions.

The weaknesses and vulnerabilities in the modern global supply chain have been exposed in recent times. The Covid-19 pandemic is typically blamed for the unsustainable congestion and cost impacts on the global system. However, rather than being the root cause of failures, the issues surrounding the global supply chain, including the Australian system, are systemic and a result of

multiple factors, merely exacerbated by the Pandemic (albeit to a unique extent), including:

- > Insufficient or poorly placed infrastructure investment across multiple nodes of the supply chain (varies widely by region and applies both inside and outside the port gate)
- > Increasing just-in-time demand on ports and the wider system
- > Increasing vessel sizes, altering service frequencies and relative times at berth
- > Changing industrial demands and shifting global manufacturing and consumerism
- > Inability of the system to absorb trade fluctuations and associated logistical changes

This has meant that the current system and its wide-ranging infrastructure (waterside and landside) had for the most part, already reached high utilization levels, even in better times. The Covid-19 pandemic then was simply a final match to an already overstretched and in many cases, unsuitable system, rather than a one-off hit.

Berth utilisation impacts on the wider supply chain can be summed up as a result of compounding congestion and reduced reliability. The effects though are more complex. They are highlighted below:

- > Knock-on inner terminal capacity impacts on near-gate transport operations, including truck queuing. The impacts of this alone are

highly complex when issues like lost time, fuel, wages etc are considered

- > Environmental impacts associated with the above (emissions)
- > Financial impacts due to increasing handling costs. This impacts both full and empty container handling. Ultimately, this drives up the cost-per-box and in turn increases the cost of containerised trade.
- > Economic impacts because of reduced competitiveness and reliability. In the worst case, this could amount to lost trade and all the implications associated with that.
- > Increased time associated with delivery which, aside from the financial costs mentioned above, could have wider impacts in terms of agglomerated trade (multiple suppliers negatively impacted due to uncontrollable third-party supply chain issues). Current shipping congestion in some western countries has seen a container delivery time increase by more than 80%.
- > Reduced predictability around labour requirements and shift timings (effects both inside and outside the port gates).

Whilst the supply chain, including the system serving Melbourne and wider Victoria will likely adapt to some extent as a result of

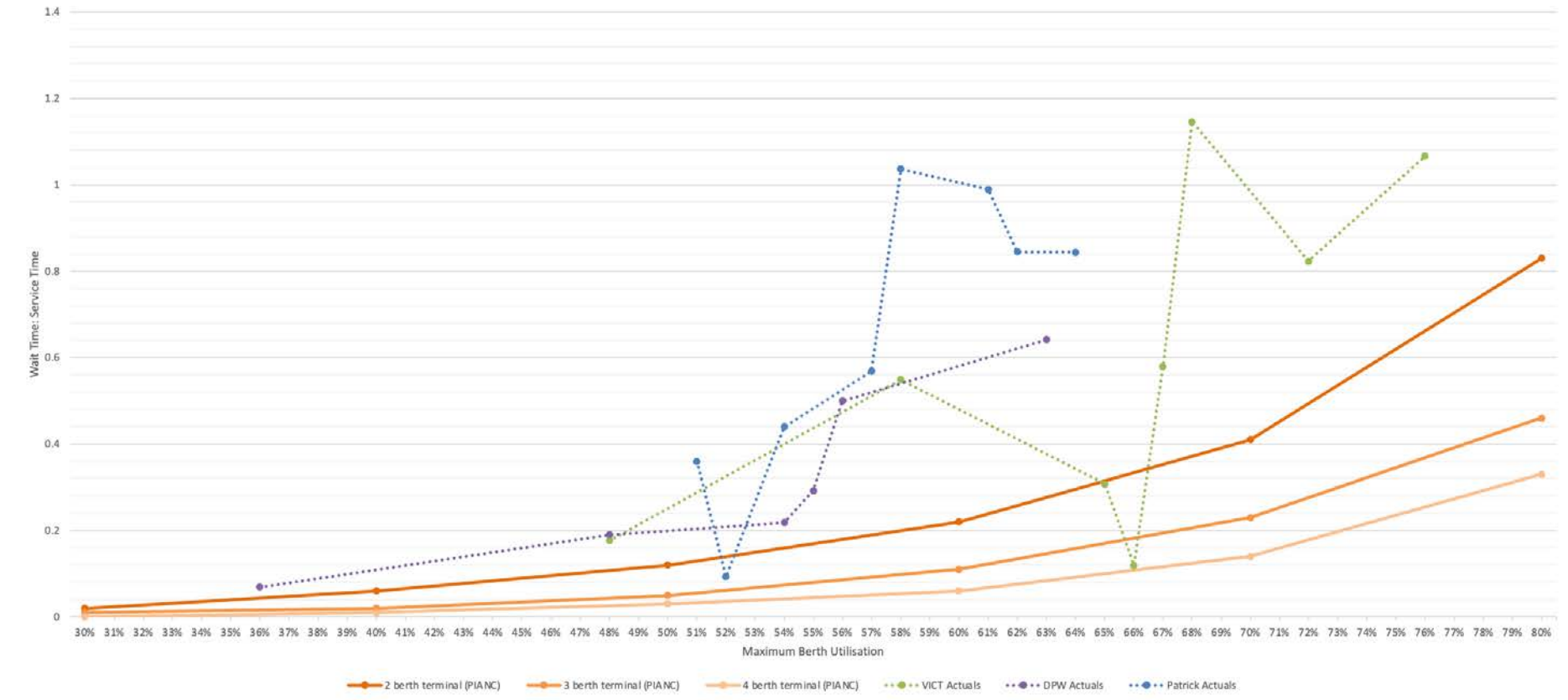
these unsustainable and increasing pressures, the sensitivities associated with berth utilization at the port will continue to have both direct and consequential impacts on container reliability and costs.

4.9.6 Recent Melbourne Actuals

Weekly vessel wait data and utilisation by terminal for October 2021 to May 2022 has also been provided. Across this period, the data indicates that extensive vessel queueing and wait times have been experienced (refer to Figure 23). These levels are beyond what would be expected by the PoM curve and associated recommendations contained within Figure 22.

It is understood from PoM that these unexpected delays are due to increased arrivals out of window due to Covid. Whilst more detailed data would be required to confirm it, it is expected that this increased variability has caused compounded queueing and the inability to clear. Whilst these figures are beyond what would typically be expected of more reliable arrivals, they do demonstrate that levels of utilisation beyond those recommended are not without impact to the level of service (i.e. wait time) received by shipping lines.

Figure 23 Port of Melbourne Wait Time to Service Time Actuals, Oct 2021 – May 2022 (Black Quay, 2022)



5 Yard Capacity Criteria

5.1 Yard Storage Assumptions

The static yard storage in each of the three container terminals is summarised in the table below.

Figure 24 Port of Melbourne Yard Storage (PoM supplied data, 2021)

Terminal	Dry slots (TGS)	Reefer (TGS)
Swanson Dock East	5,642	664
Swanson Dock West	4,482	513 ¹
Webb Dock East	2,780	820 ²

Note:

1. This is clarified as being suitable for a total of 1,300 TEU.
2. This is total reefer points with 425 slots that can only take 40' containers

As detailed in Section 2.5, yard expansion at the WDE terminal is planned when required in the future and estimated to consist of five (5) additional ASC blocks. For the purposes of the modelling, it was assumed that this increased yard storage by 1,390 dry ground slots and 410 total reefer points based on a pro-rata of the existing 10-block yard capacity.

The model does not consider fixed block delineations within the yard between export, import and empties. It has been assumed that yard allocation can be flexible in response to the trade mix.

5.2 Yard Utilisation Assumptions

The maximum utilisation of yard storage in order to maintain productivity, is assumed to be as follows:

- > Straddle Blocks: 80 %
- > Reefer Areas: 80%
- > ASC's: 80%

5.3 Yard Equipment Operations

The yard operating regimes for each of the terminals is understood to be as follows:

- > Swanson Dock East - 1 over 2 Straddle Carriers
- > Swanson Dock West - 1 over 2 Straddle Carriers
- > Webb Dock East - Automated Straddles/ASC's

As with STS cranes, straddles are not considered to be a limiting factor on capacity, and it has been assumed that where additional yard handling equipment is required, Terminal Operators would invest in further straddles. This includes the ability to convert their yards to 1 over 3 straddle operations if and when required due to yard capacity constraints.

This is not true for ASC's where the number of ASC's is limited by the yard blocks present at the terminal. It is understood that WDE currently has 10 ASC blocks, which accommodate 20 ASC's.

In terms of ASC operations, the following assumptions have been made:

- > Gross ASC Working Time: 80%
- > Proportion of Housekeeping moves undertaken: 45%²⁰
- > ASC Gross Moves per Hour: 18gpmh (assuming relatively efficient movements)

5.4 Stack Heights

The following maximum stacking heights have been adopted within the models.

Figure 25 Maximum Stacking Heights (# of containers)

Terminal	Dry slots	Reefer
Swanson Dock East	3.2 ¹	2
Swanson Dock West	3.2 ¹	2
Webb Dock East	5	5

Note:

1. Based on a maximum stacking height of 4 and based on stevedore feedback on 1 over 3 operations

²⁰ Assumption based on information published by Port Technology International “Improving Terminal Performance” (J. Achterkamp) noting that actual figures of ASC terminals indicate that ASC’s are spending 40-50% of their moves on housekeeping.

5.5 Dwell Times

Dwell time, expressed in days and fractions thereof, is the average time that containers remain in the container yard. This includes the time from when the containers are initially stacked to the time that they are taken out for transport.

The following values have been assumed which are considered reflective of an efficient gateway terminal.

- > Import (Full): 1.5 - 2.5 days (Scenarios assume 2 days)
- > Export (Full): 4 - 6 days (Scenarios assume 5 days)
- > Empties: 2 - 4 days (Scenarios assume 3 days)
- > Transhipment: 2 days

6 Road Gate Capacity Criteria

Road gate capacity has been included in the modelling for completeness and include an estimate of capacity. However, it is noted that PoM has clarified that road gate capacity should not be considered a capacity limiter, as additional gate capacity can be added relatively easily.

The below outlines the road gate assumptions made in the modelling.

6.1 Gate Operating Hours per Day

The number of hours that the truck gates are opened are assumed to be as follows (based on information contained on the VICT terminal and assumes that SDE and SDW operate in a similar manner):

- > Monday: Friday: 24 hours
- > Saturday: Midnight to 14:00
- > Sunday: 06:00 to Midnight

It is assumed that the gates operate 360 days per year.

6.2 Road Gate Numbers

The road gates for each of the terminals are assumed to be as follows:

- > SDE – 3 in-gates
- > SDW – 6 in-gates
- > WDE – 2 OCR gates, 11 in-gates

The gates for Swanson Dock terminals are based on review of satellite imagery. WDE gates are based upon information contained on the VICT website.

6.3 Gate Processing Rate: In-Gate/Out-Gate

The gate processing rates, expressed in minutes per truck, is the rate for a single gate lane to process one truck.

In the absence of terminal-specific gate information, the following in-gate processing times per truck have been assumed.

- > OCR (WDE): 10 seconds/truck
- > In-gate: 60-90 seconds/truck

6.4 Average Truck Parcels

It is assumed that the average truck parcel²¹ is 2.7 TEU's per truck (1.7 containers per truck), as per information contained within BITRE Waterline 67.

It is noted that, based upon BITRE definitions, this figure includes consideration of backloaded trucks.

²¹ Parcel is defined as the number of TEUs per truck visit to the PoM. BITRE data clarified that it is calculated from the count of TEUs through the VBS/TAS systems divided by the total number of VBS/TAS trucks used

7 Rail Gate Capacity Criteria

Current rail share of TEU's through the Port of Melbourne terminals is approximately 5-7% (BITRE Waterline 67, 2020).

Little information has been provided on the operational detail of the rail terminals at Swanson Dock and the proposed rail facilities at Webb Dock.

However, PoM has confirmed that it should be assumed that the road gate for all terminals should be able to handle 100% of trade.

Therefore, detailed modelling of rail capacity has not been undertaken, unless the road gate capacity of a terminal was identified as the capacity limiter.

Chapter III: Capacity Modelling Findings

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8 Model Overview

The capacity model has been established in accordance with the guidance contained within PIANC WG158 for calculating annual terminal capacity. Optimum capacity has been calculated for each of berth, yard, gate (road) at each of the three (3) terminals.

Berth capacity has been calculated as per guidance within PIANC WG158 as follows:

$$C_B = P \times f_{TEU} \times N_{cb} \times n_{hy} \times m_b \times n$$

Where:

C_B = Maximum Annual Capacity of Berth (TEU/year)

P = gross productivity per crane (moves/hour)²²

f_{TEU} = TEU factor (refer Section 3.3)

N_{cb} = average number of cranes per vessel²³

n_{hy} = number of operational hours per year²⁴

m_b = berth occupancy factor²⁵

n = number of effective berths (refer Section 4.4)

²² Gross productivity is factored to account for start and finish processes. That is, $P = G \times V$, where G = gross crane rate (refer Section 4.7) and V = vessel productive time (refer Section 4.8).

²³ Calculated based on the assumptions contained within Section 4.5 on crane allocations by vessel size and with consideration to the forecast fleet to establish an average number of cranes per vessel in any given year

For the straddle terminals (Swanson Dock), yard capacity has been calculated as a function of yard slots, dwell times and achievable utilisation and stack heights as follows:

$$C_Y = S \times \frac{n_{dy}}{t_d} \times m_s$$

Where:

C_Y = Maximum Annual Capacity of Yard (TEU/year)

S = static capacity of yard²⁶

t_d = average dwell time (refer Section 5.5)

m_s = estimated storage occupancy (refer Section 5.2)

n_{dy} = number of operational days per year (refer Section 3.4)

For the ASC terminal (Webb Dock), yard capacity has been calculated based on the minimum of the following:

- > The capacity of the yard as per the equation above.
- > The capacity of the ASC's servicing it, calculated as follows:

²⁴ Calculated based on the annual operational hours as per Section 3.4

²⁵ As per Figure 22 and noting that where the number of effective berths falls between these figures, berth occupancy has been interpolated.

²⁶ Static yard capacity is calculated as the product of total ground slots multiplied by average stack height as per Sections 5.1 and 5.4

$$C_{ASC} = n_{hy} \times n_{wasc} \times P_{asc} \times m_{asc} \times (1 - h)$$

Where:

C_{ASC} = Maximum Annual Capacity of ASC's (TEU/year)

N_{hy} = number of operational hours per year²⁷

n_{wasc} = number of waterside ASC²⁸

P_{asc} = gross productivity of ASC's (moves/hour) (refer Section 5.3)

M_{asc} = gross working time of ASC's (refer Section 5.3)

h = housekeeping proportion (refer Section 5.3)

It should also be noted that the assumed timing of additional ASC blocks was driven by the ability of the yard to support peak STS crane operations. That is, how many waterside ASC's are required to support all STS cranes operating at once.

Gate capacity has been calculated as the minimum of ingate and outgate capacity, with the capacity of each ingate and outgate calculated as follows:

$$C_G = n_{hy} \times P_{gate} \times n$$

Where:

$$P_{gate} = 3600/p \times m_{gate} \times f_{truck}$$

And:

C_G = Maximum Annual Capacity of Gate (TEU/year)

N_{hy} = number of operational hours per year (refer Section 6.1)

P_{gate} = maximum hourly throughput per gate (TEU/hour/gate)

n = number of gates (refer Section 6.2)

p = processing time at gate (secs/truck) (refer Section 6.3)

m_{gate} = maximum gate utilisation, assumed at 80%

f_{truck} = average TEU/truck (refer Section 6.4)

For all components, a seasonal peaking factor has been applied to differentiate between maximum annual capacity and optimum annual capacity (refer to Section 3.5).

Within the following sections, all references to calculated capacity relate to 'optimum capacity' unless noted otherwise.

It should also be noted that the definition of capacity refers to the measure of volume which can be handled by a port or terminal at a defined quality of service. There may be instances where volumes above the optimum capacity may be handled, however these would be expected to have impacts on terminal operations and queueing beyond those which are considered a reasonable level of service, as explained previously.

²⁷ Calculated based on the annual operational hours as per Section 3.4

²⁸ In line with the planned yard increases outlined within Section 2.5

8.1 Scenarios Assessed

With consideration to the input criteria provided within Sections 4 to 6, and the potential for future improvements along with stakeholder feedback, eight (8) scenarios were established for modelling. The first (Scenario A) represents a scenario where no change in input parameters is experienced over time.

The second, third, fourth and fifth scenario (Scenario's B1 – B4) test the potential capacity under future circumstances with single (B1-B3) or two (B4) input parameters changing. The sixth scenario (Scenario C) tests the capacity, when all three of the input parameters tested in Scenarios B1 to B3 changed.

The final two scenarios, Scenario D and D1, are stretch cases and represent a future eventuality beyond Scenario C where a number of inputs change, including the accommodation of larger vessels at Swanson Dock, and with no consideration of a seasonal peaking factor at berth.

It should be noted that all scenarios (with the exception of Scenario A) are dependent on a number of future eventualities.

The scenarios and dependencies are outlined in the following figure.

Figure 26 Scenarios Modelled

	A	B1	B2	B3	B4	C	D	D1
Description	Current Productivities	Increased TEU Ratio	Increased Crane Rate	Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking Larger Vessels at SD
Gross Crane Rate	27gmp average across all three (3) terminals	27gmp average across all three (3) terminals	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	27gmp average across all three (3) terminals	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp	WDE 27gmp SD Terminals: 30gmp
TEU Ratio	1.60	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	1.60	1.60	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030	Increasing from 1.60 to 1.70 by 2030
Berth Utilisation	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	60% (2-berth) 65% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	60% (2-berth) 65% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)	53% (2-berth) 63% (3-berth)
Seasonal Peaking at Berth²⁹	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Included (10%)	Excluded	Excluded
Adopted Fleet Forecast	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario A Fleet	Scenario B Fleet
Dependent on	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission Increased ability to manage congestion associated with seasonal peaking and/or acceptance of decreased level of service in these times	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmp noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission Increased ability to manage congestion associated with seasonal peaking and/or acceptance of decreased level of service in these times Ability for 11,500TEU vessels to visit Swanson Dock

²⁹ Seasonal peaking in yard is maintained under all scenarios

8.2 Quay Line Sensibility Check

To provide a sensibility check on the berth capacity calculations, the resultant quay line productivity (or TEU/metre of berthline per annum) has also been charted.

TEU per metre of berthline is a metric which provides an indication of quay line performance.

It is generally accepted that a quay line productivity of 1,100 to 1,500 TEU/m/annum is currently considered reasonable for origin-destination ports and that high-capacity transshipment ports can achieve at or over 2,000 TEU/m/annum.

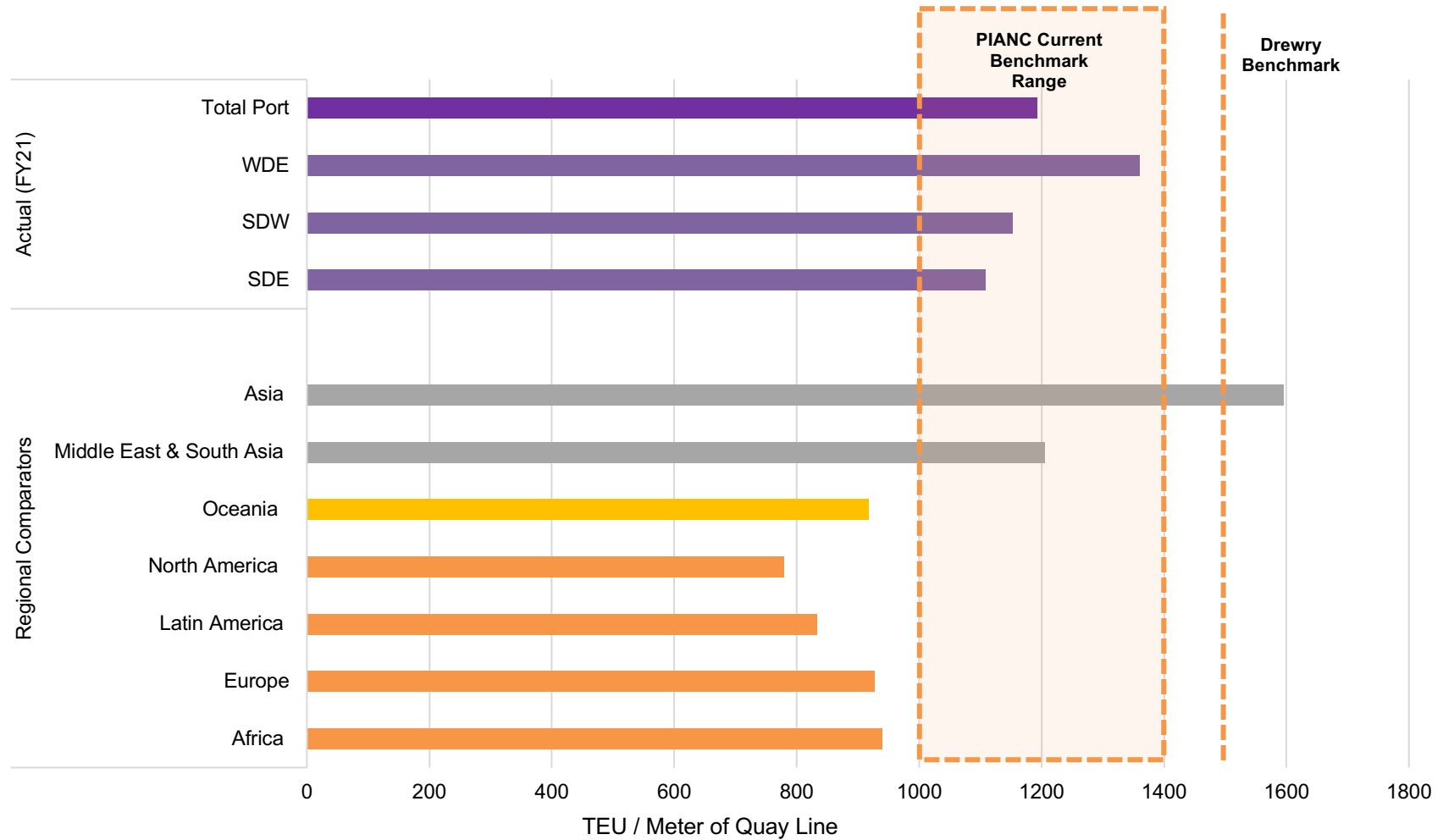
PIANC WG158 provides some guidance on this factor, noting that this factor may increase to 1,600-2,000 TEU/m/annum in time, pointing out that this industry benchmark is appropriate for well-planned and well-equipped facilities handling large mainline container vessels.

Information provided by PoM provides quay line productivity comparisons. This is depicted in the figure below and demonstrates that current quay line productivity at the Port of Melbourne is around 1,100 – 1,400 TEU/m/annum.

The quay line productivity that results at each of the PoM terminals is depicted in the following sections. When viewing these, it should be noted that there are several ways in which the same quay line performance can be achieved. For example, the maximum cranes on the berthline at a lower crane utilisation can produce similar

quay line productivity rates to fewer cranes at higher levels of crane utilisation.

Figure 27 Quay Line Productivity Comparisons in TEU/m/annum (reproduced from PoM supplied data)



8.3 Crane Productivity Sensibility Check

As a secondary sensibility check on the berth capacity calculations, the resultant STS crane productivity (or TEU/crane per annum) has also been charted in the model findings (Section 9).

TEU per crane is a metric which provides an indication of STS crane performance and is dependent on crane productivity rates (refer Section 4.7), TEU factor, achievable crane utilisation and available berth time. Any change in these factors can significantly impact the achievable crane productivity.

It is important to recognise the relationship between the number of cranes on the berthline and maximum crane productivity. In instances where fewer cranes are on the berthline, it is not uncommon for cranes to be utilised (or 'worked') harder and across berths. However, where terminals are operating closer to their capacities, operators typically forego higher crane utilisations by providing more cranes in order to improve vessel turnaround times.

Therefore, whilst it is noted that the existing PoM terminals have, on occasion, achieved figures towards the upper end of those presented in the following figure, into the future it is anticipated that additional cranes will be required at the terminals due to increasing vessel sizes (up to a maximum number of cranes dictated by the

berthline length and minimum crane spacing). Where additional cranes are introduced, it is expected that individual cranes will not be worked as hard and annual productivities would fall within the levels depicted in the figure.

In reviewing the reasonableness of crane productivity outputs from the capacity models, the impact of changing factors was considered such as TEU factor and crane rates within the context of the discussions contained within other parts of this section. This is depicted in the following figure.

For each scenario, the table demonstrates the resultant annual crane productivity at two (2) different utilisation levels; 37% and 50%.

A level of 37% was deemed reasonable when considering maximum crane numbers on the berthline³⁰. An increased level of 50% was also tested based on stakeholder feedback, however the ability to maintain crane utilisation at this level on full crane deployment in the future is untested.

Ultimately, the crane utilisation rate realised will be dependent on ultimate fleet profiles and crane deployment patterns.

³⁰ Crane utilisation figures vary dramatically between terminals and depend on total berth numbers (therefore achievable berth utilisation), fleet size, crane deployment patterns for varying vessel sizes, the total number of cranes on the berthline and the crane density. It is therefore challenging to establish realistic crane utilisation targets through benchmarking alone as no two terminals are the same. Actual utilisation figures for PoM terminal cranes are anticipated to change markedly when operating with full STS crane deployment and under a

future fleet profile. In establishing a realistic crane utilisation figure, Black Quay considered (a) research sponsored by the USACE Institute for Water Resources & Cargo Handling Cooperative Program in 2012 which contained utilisation rates of 18 U.S Mainland Ports of varying sizes (*Container Port Capacity and Utilisation Metrics*, The Tioga Group, 2012), as well as (b) a review of forecast 2050 operating parameters at the PoM terminals.

Figure 28 Maximum STS Crane Productivity Levels Based on Differing Input Scenarios

	A		B1		B2		B3		B4		C		D		D1	
	Current Productivities		Increased TEU Ratio		Increased Crane Rate		Increased Berth Utilisation		Increased TEU Ratio		Increased TEU Ratio		Increased TEU Ratio		Increased TEU Ratio	
Total Operating Hours/Year	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505	8,505
TEU Factor	1.60	1.70	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Crane Rate (gpmh)	27	27	27	27	30	30	27	27	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Crane Utilisation (%)	37%	50%	37%	50%	37%	50%	37%	50%	37%	50%	37%	50%	37%	50%	37%	50%
Crane Productivity at Maximum Crane Numbers (TEU/annum/Crane)	136,573	196,093	144,440	195,190	151,049	204,120	135,944	183,708	160,489	216,878	160,489	216,878	160,489	216,878	160,489	216,878

9 Model Findings

Each of the scenarios were modelled over the period 2022-2050. The results of the scenario modelling for each of the terminals are depicted in Figure 29 to Figure 37.

Unless otherwise noted, key inputs to the model as detailed within Chapter 2, remain unchanged across the modelling timeframe with the exception of the following inputs, which vary over time as a result of the forecast trade mix and fleet profile (both provided by PoM):

- > Effective number of berths
- > Vessel productive time

It should be noted that calculated capacities for each of the terminals fluctuated over time due to the following factors:

- > Effective berths decreasing over time in response to growing fleet profile (impacting berth capacity)

- > Maximum achievable berth utilisation decreasing over time in response to decreases in effective berth numbers (impacting berth capacity)
- > Fluctuations in vessel productive time at berth owing to its calculations being derived from first principle calculations based on forecast container exchange sizes and crane rates (impacting berth capacity)
- > Average cranes per vessel increasing over time due to growing fleet and crane allocations (impacting berth capacity)
- > Trade profile changes over time (impacting berth and yard capacity).

Reference should be made to Appendix B - D for model inputs in any given year.

9.1 Swanson Dock East Capacity

The calculated Swanson Dock East capacity (under the eight scenarios) is depicted in Figure 29.

Under the Scenario A set of parameters, the Swanson Dock East limiting capacity is 1,482,000 TEU/annum and it is the berth that is the limiting factor.

At this capacity of 1,482,000 TEU/annum, the overall quay line productivity is 1,677 TEU/annum, which is considered reasonable for a well-planned, efficient gateway terminal currently (as per the discussion in Section 8.2). It is important to note that this capacity is dependent on the yard converting from 1 over 2 to 1 over 3 strads. Where this does not occur, yard capacity ultimately limits the terminal at approximately 1,380,000 TEU based upon the assumed dwell times.

During the stakeholder feedback, Patrick provided some information in relation to actual dwell times within the terminal (timeframe over which is unclear). These were as follows:

- > Import (Full): 2.1 days
- > Export (Full): 3.8 days
- > Import (Empty): 3.3 days
- > Export (Empty): 1.9 days
- > Transhipment: 5.9 days laden, 6.7 days empty

Utilising the dwell times provided by Patrick, the existing yard capacity (with 1 over 2 strads) is calculated at approximately

1,500,000-1,550,000 TEU (varies over time) and therefore is no longer the capacity limiter (in Scenario A).

Under Scenarios B1 to C, the overall (peak) terminal capacities range between 1,560,000 to 1,740,000 TEU/annum. It is important to note that to achieve these capacities, additional capacity in the yard is expected to be required. It is assumed that this is achieved through the introduction of 1 over 3 straddles, facilitating an average stack height of 3.2 containers. Even where this is implemented, the upper end of this range (i.e. 1,740,000 TEU/annum) is limited by the yard.

In addition, Scenarios B1 to C would be dependent on improvements in other productivities (as noted in Section 8.1) such as the TEU factor continuing to increase to 1.70 and vessel schedule reliability improving and/or shipping lines accepting lower service levels/increased waiting time.

Under Scenarios D and D1, terminal capacity is anticipated to be ultimately governed by yard capacity over time (under 1 over 3 strads) at a volume of approximately 1,740,000 TEU/annum. Reference should be made to Box 1 on the following page on further yard enhancement options.

Under Scenario's B1 to D1, the berthline productivity increases to a maximum of 1,970 TEU/m. This remains within the bounds of what may be achievable in the future based on achieving all productivity improvements.

Peak crane productivity varies by scenario from 165,000 TEU/crane/annum (Scenario A) to 193,000 TEU/crane/annum

(Scenarios C, D and D1). This indicates crane utilisation of up to 45%.

Over time the calculated effective berths at SDE reduce from 3.0 to approximately 2.8, and the average cranes per vessel increase from 2.5 to a high of 2.8-2.9 (Scenarios A-D) or 3.5 (Scenario D1) in response to the changing fleet profile.

Box 1 – Further Stevedore Development Options

As part of the Stakeholder Engagement process, Patrick has highlighted the option of converting the SDE yard to ASC operations in order to achieve an enhanced yard capacity of up to 2.68million, based on the introduction of 16 ASC blocks, at a cost of \$500million.

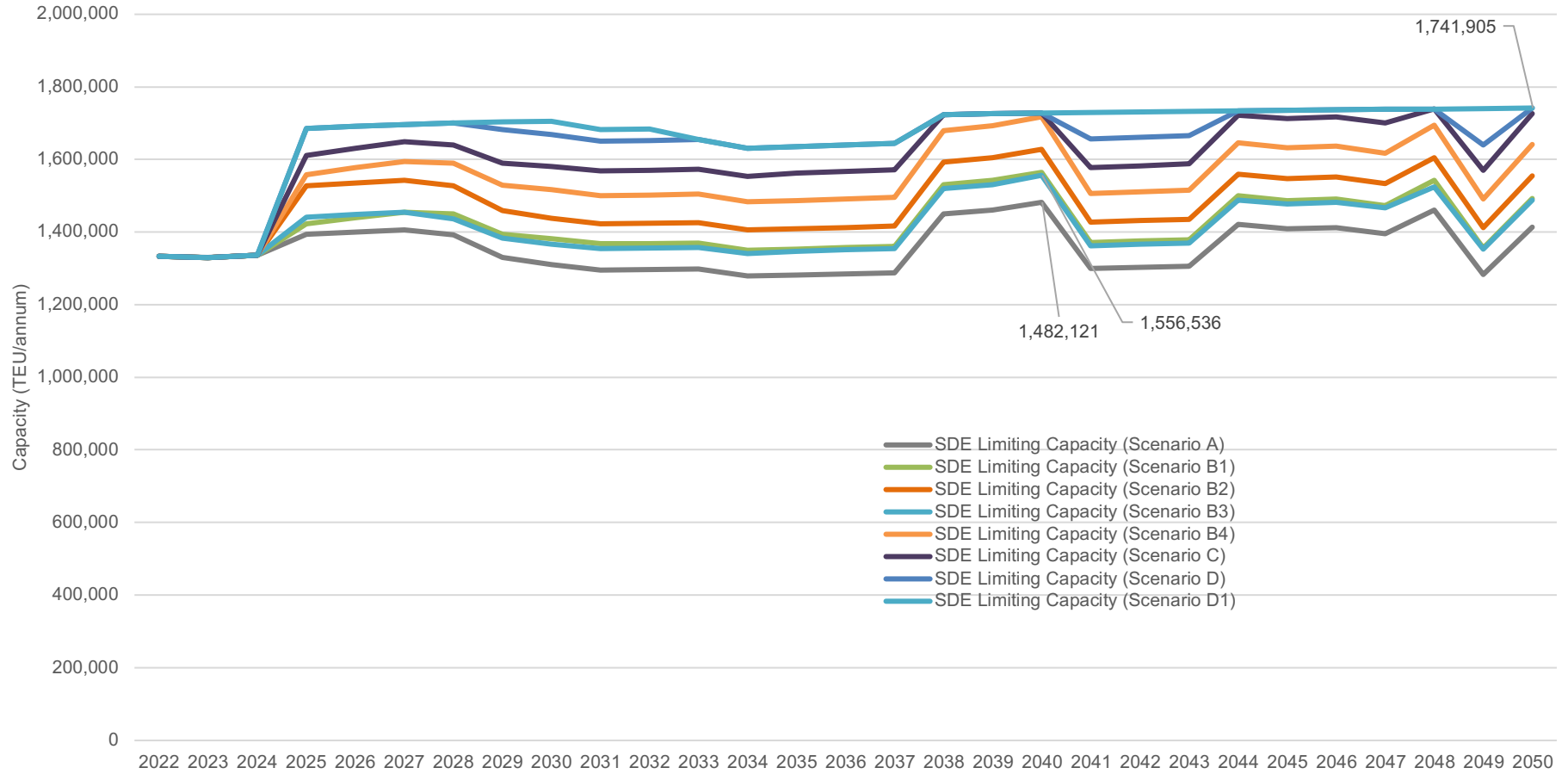
Detailed assessment of the viability to convert SDE to an ASC regime has not been undertaken as part of this project and would be required in order to fully understand if it would be practical or not. Patrick's proposal has also not been witnessed. Whilst there are examples of terminals converting from manual straddle operations to ASC's, there are no clear rules as each terminal differs in terms of footprint, alignments, connectivity and more. Therefore, benchmarking is not particularly useful.

That said, the viability of retrofitting an ASC system is generally limited from a spatial perspective due to the operational requirements of the system and to ensure that the system is maximised and optimised in terms of handling performance. The orientation of the stacks can differ between horizontal to the berthline or perpendicular to it (as is the case currently at Webb Dock for example). These options are generally sensitive to; a) the length of the terminal and b) the depth of the terminal (or land backing) as well as other spatial and operational factors. In any case, ASC operations typically benefit from more symmetrical terminal footprints with sufficient land backing behind the wharf. The implementation of an ASC system is also generally undertaken in modules and full implementation often takes time complete, not taking into account any operational downtime, limitations or integration with a suitable Terminal Operating System.

Whilst it is theoretically possible that an ASC regime could be constructed at WDE, its footprint and orientation would potentially be limited. It would also be challenging to construct an ASC system in modules at SDE without significant downtime to live terminal operations. Full integration of the system and the ironing out of operational downtimes and teething problems would also likely take some time to resolve (as is typical with the implementation of automated operations at container terminals).

Finally, the claimed 2.68million TEU/annum in potential yard capacity at SDE with 16 ASC's would be substantially higher than the calculated capacity for the ASC operation at WDE with up to 15 ASC blocks (approx. 1.5million TEU/annum). Whilst the ASC blocks at SDE may be able to be slightly longer and thereby provide more total slots, the constraint is more likely to be around handling capacity of the waterside ASC equipment (16no. ASC's in total) rather than available yard slots. Where these 16 ASC's were operated at a rate of 18gpmph over the 8,505 terminal operational hours per hours, and assuming 45% housekeeping moves (consistent with the assumptions for VICT in Section 5.3), this would result in an optimum capacity of approximately 1.6million TEU/annum.

Figure 29 Calculated Capacity – Swanson Dock East¹



Note:

1. SDE limiting capacity assumes that conversion to 1 over 3 straddles (assumed no earlier than 2025) is implemented as required under all Scenarios.

Figure 30 Calculated Quayline Productivity – Swanson Dock East

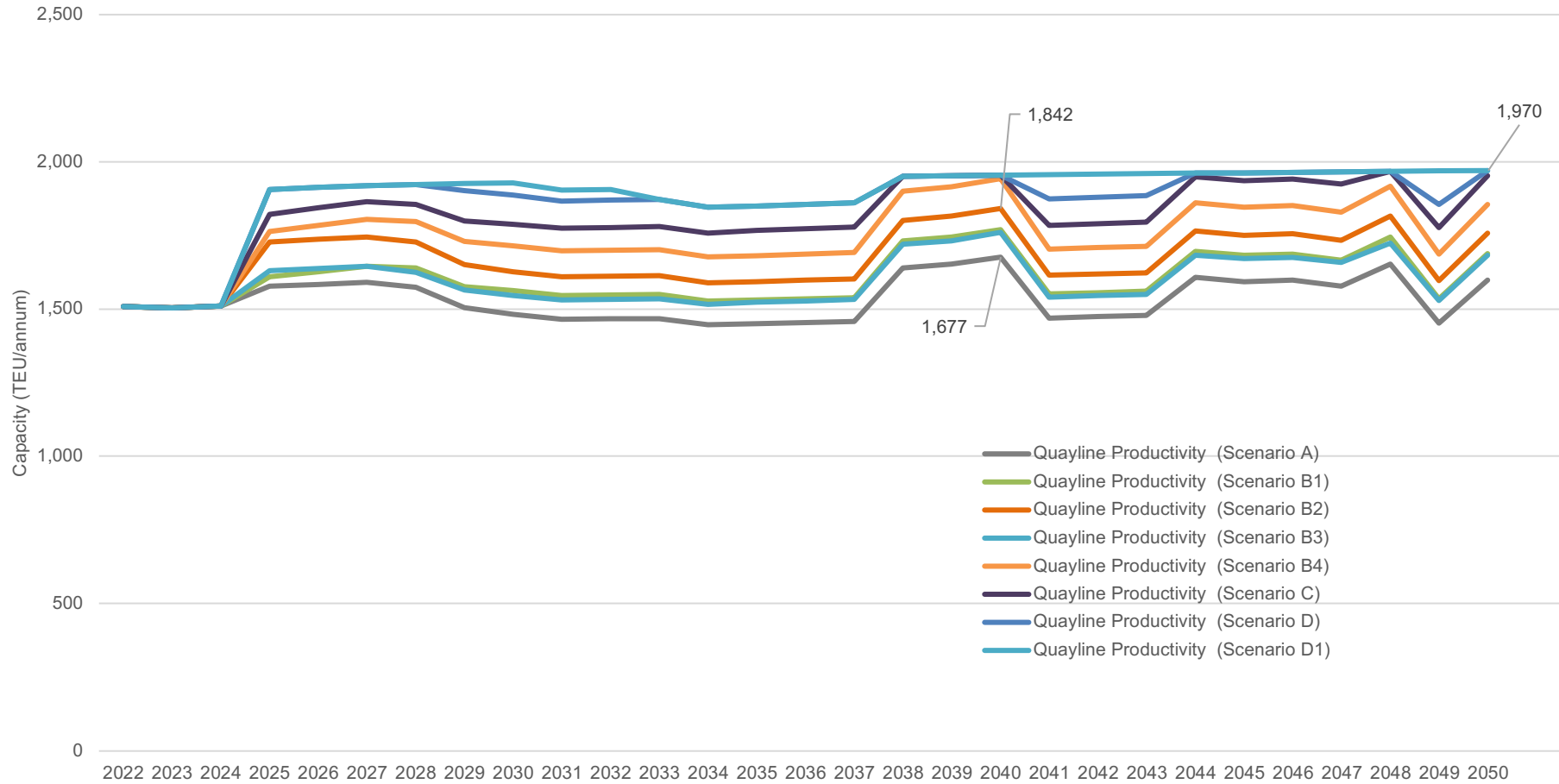
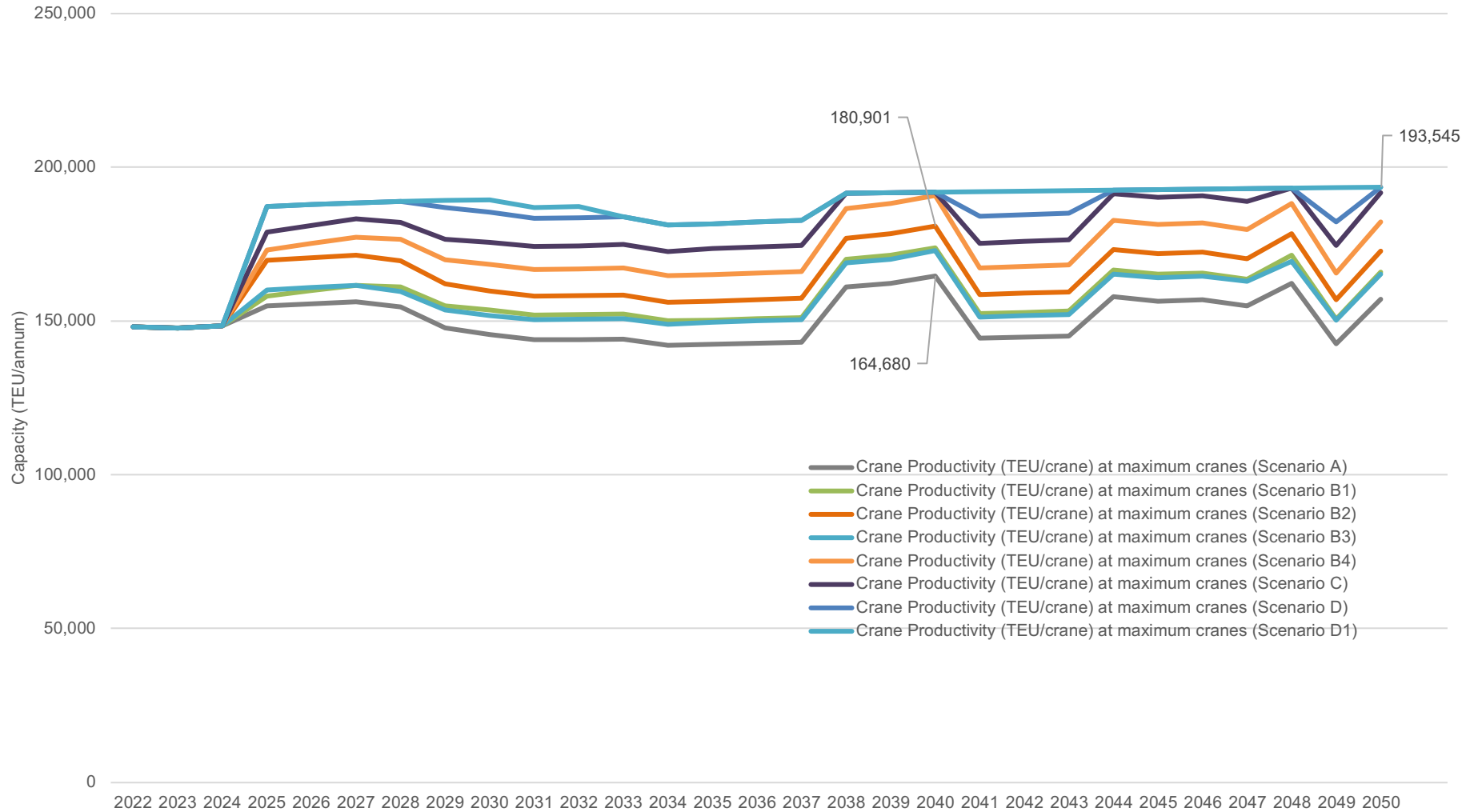


Figure 31 Calculated Crane Productivity – Swanson Dock East



9.2 Swanson Dock West Capacity

The calculated Swanson Dock West capacity is depicted in Figure 32.

Under Scenario A, the berth capacity peaks at approximately 1,545,000 TEU/annum and it is the yard that limits overall capacity at SDW to approximately 1,125,000 TEU/annum (without any capacity improvements). Where 1 over 3 straddles are introduced, this increases the yard capacity to approximately 1,405,000 TEU/annum.

It is noted that DPWA have historically handled volumes in excess of 1,125,000 TEU within the yard at SDW. Anecdotally, this is understood to have involved off-site storage and just-in-time delivery of empty containers. Additionally, it is understood that the West Swanson Intermodal Terminal was utilised during peak periods.

It is expected that such measures could be taken in Scenario A (in addition to or in replacement of 1 over 3 straddles) to match berth capacity at 1,545,000 TEU/annum³¹.

At this capacity of 1,545,000 TEU/annum, the overall quay line productivity is 1,698 TEU/annum, which is considered reasonable for a well-planned, efficient gateway terminal currently (as per the discussion in Section 8.2).

³¹ It is understood that the yard has historically handled up to 1,400,000 TEU/annum with the use of WSIT and just in time delivery of empties. The ability to increase further to 1,545,000

Under Scenario B1 to C, the berth capacity ranges from 1,610,000 to 1,865,000 TEU/annum. In order to facilitate this, the yard would need to increase capacity through introduction of 1 over 3 straddles and reduction of empty container storage to 0.5 days dwell (replicating the previous operational measures taken).

The overall capacity modelling for SDW depicted in Figure 32 assume that these measures are taken and therefore the terminal remains berth constrained.

However, the capacity depicted in Scenario B1 to C, is also dependent on the following future eventualities (as per Section 8.1):

- > TEU factor continuing to increase to 1.70
- > Vessel schedule reliability improving and/or shipping lines accepting lower service levels/increased waiting time
- > Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gmph noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW's submission to the Productivity Commission

Under Scenarios B1 to C, the berthline productivity increases to a maximum of 2,053 TEU/m. Whilst high, this remains within the bounds of what is considered reasonable in the future based on achieving all productivity improvements.

TEU/annum is untested and may also require the introduction of 1 over 3 straddles, particularly where volumes are sustained over the longer term.

It is important to highlight that this is dependent on improvements in DPW's productivity which, as previously mentioned, is understood to be constrained by the current industrial framework.

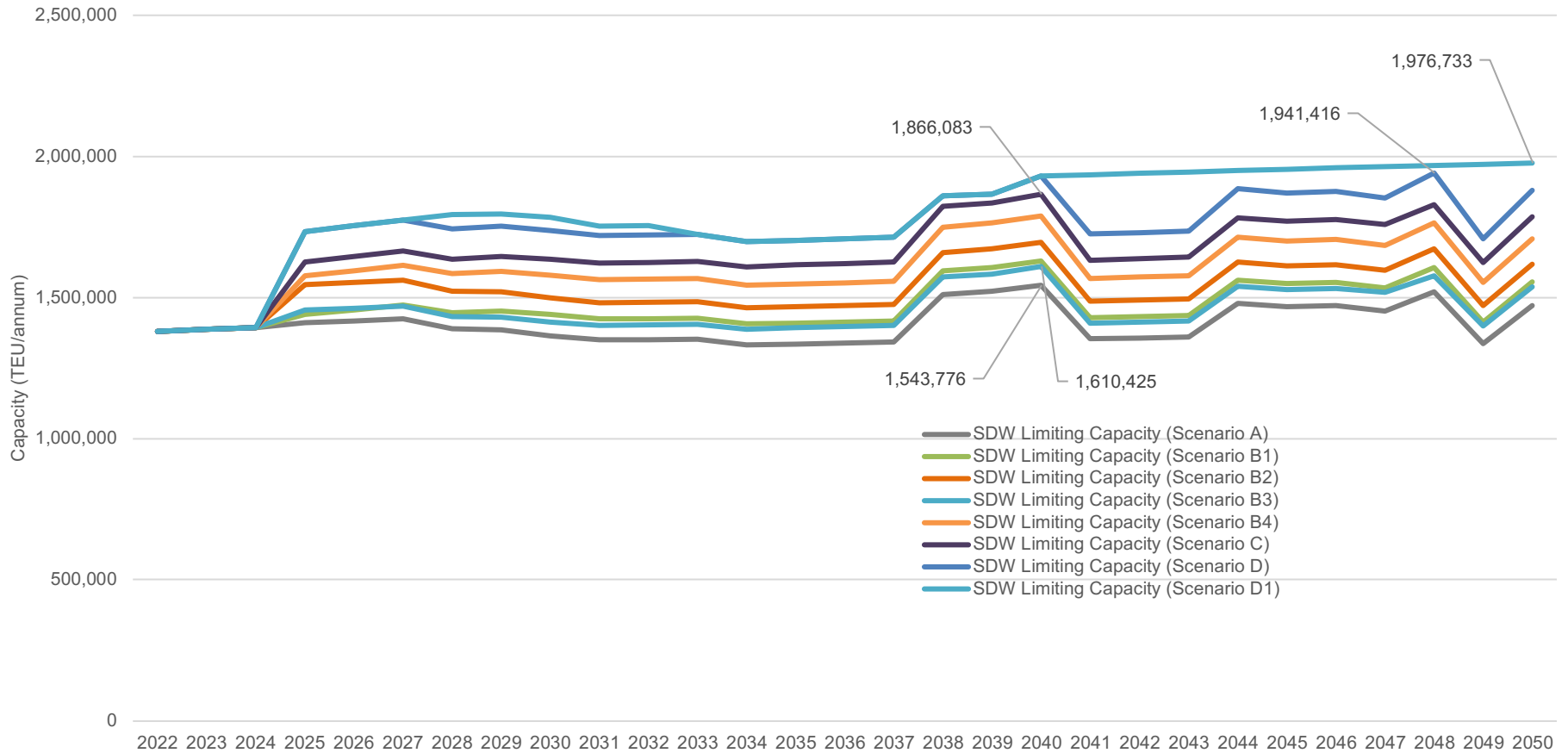
The peak terminal capacity under Scenario's D and D1 are 1,940,000 and 1,980,000 respectively. It is under Scenario D1, that terminal capacity is anticipated to be ultimately governed by yard capacity over time (under 1 over 3 strads).

Under Scenario's D to D1, the berthline productivity increases to a maximum of 2,175 TEU/m. This is expected to be at the higher end of what could be considered reasonable in the future based upon productivity improvements.

Peak crane productivity varies by scenario from 155,000 TEU/crane/annum (Scenario A) to 197,000 TEU/crane/annum (Scenario D1). This indicates crane utilisation of up to 45%.

Over time, the calculated effective berths at SDW reduce from 3.0 to approximately 2.8, and the average cranes per vessel increase from 2.5 to a high of 2.8-2.9 (Scenario's A-D) or 3.5 (Scenario D1) in response to the changing fleet profile.

Figure 32 Calculated Capacity – Swanson Dock West



Note:

- SDW limiting capacity depicted above is based on berth capacity and assumes certain operational measures implemented in the yard to increase yard capacity. This includes conversion to 1 over 3 straddles (all scenarios and assumed no earlier than 2025), reduced dwell times where necessary and/or increased slots whether that be at WSIT or otherwise. Where these measures are not taken within the yard, yard capacity will dictate and depicted capacities may not be achievable.

Figure 33 Calculated Quayline Productivity – Swanson Dock West

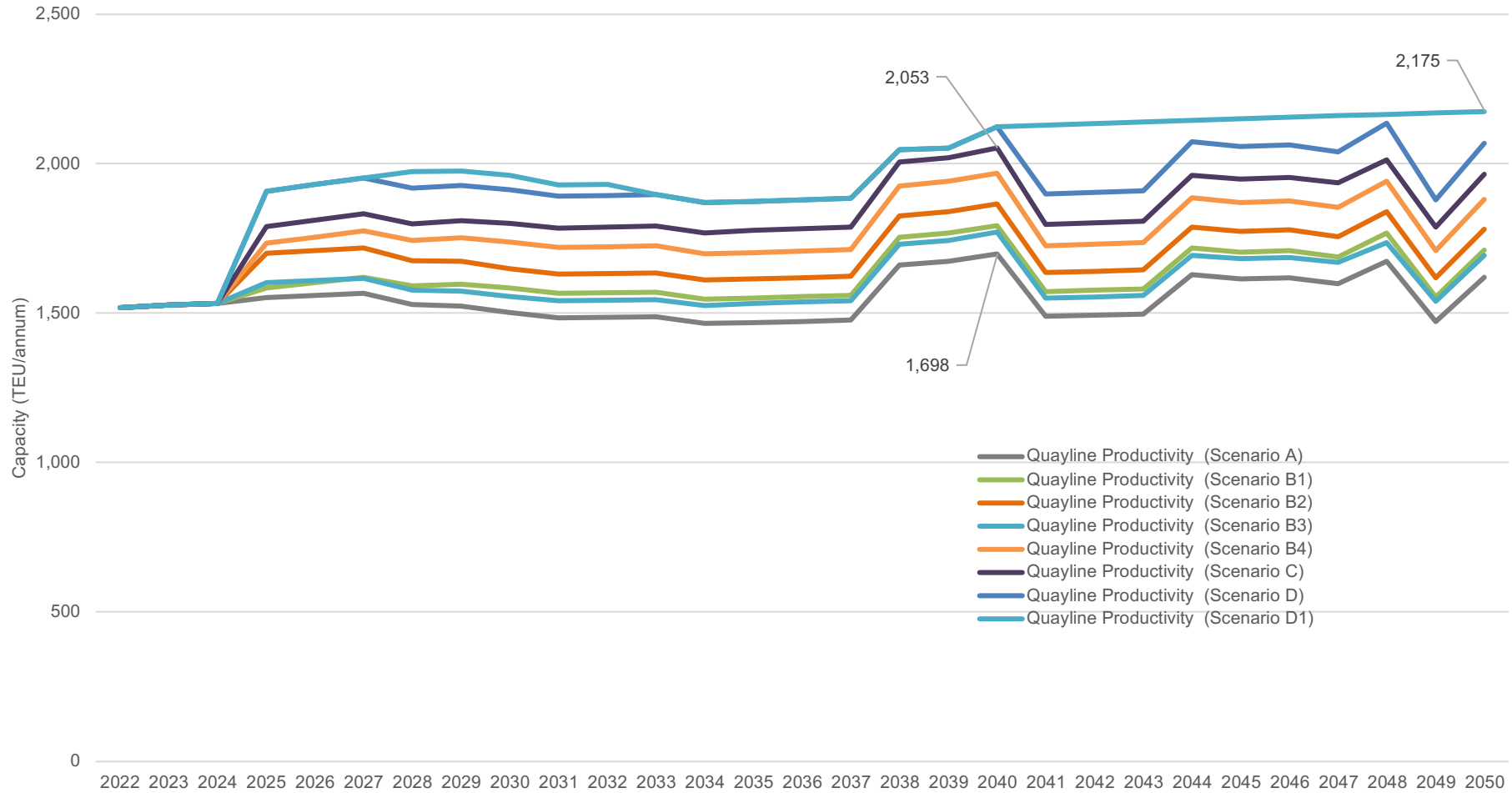
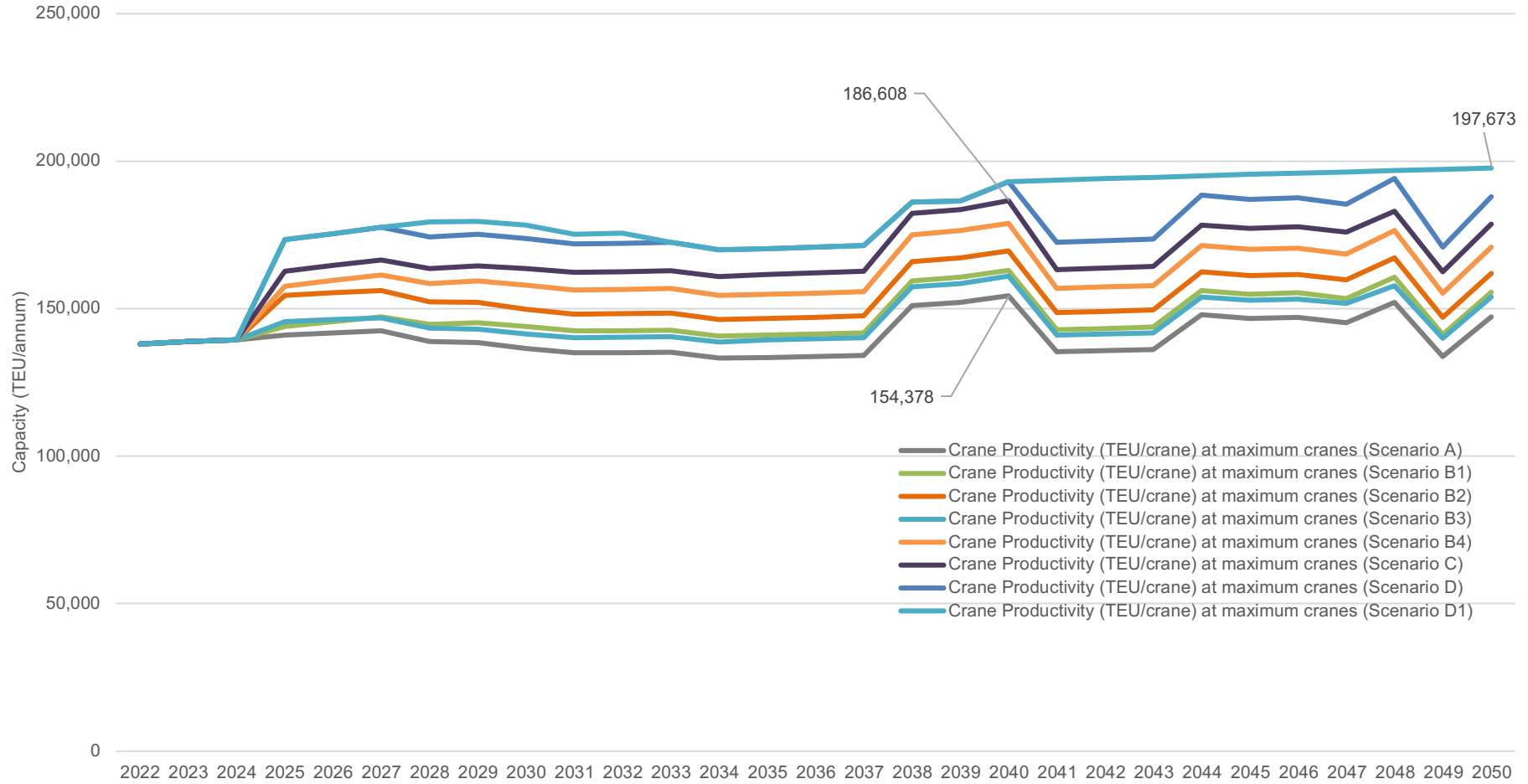


Figure 34 Calculated Crane Productivity – Swanson Dock West



9.3 Webb Dock East Capacity

The calculated Webb Dock East capacity is depicted in Figure 35.

Under all scenarios, the terminal was determined to be berth constrained based on the expected yard expansion as outlined in Section 2.5.

Yard capacity of the existing 10-block ASC yard was calculated at approximately 937,000 TEU/annum, which is driven by the limitations of the ASC's rather than the static yard capacity.

It is understood that expansion of the WDE yard is expected in the near term and will include 13 blocks, and ultimately up to 15 blocks. The calculated capacity of the expanded yard (again driven by ASC limitations) was calculated at approximately 1,218,000 TEU/annum (13 blocks) and 1,405,000 TEU/annum (15 blocks).

It is worth noting that the yard-side capacity is heavily influenced by the assumptions around housekeeping moves (assumed to be 45%). Over time, it is reasonable to expect that the Terminal Operator will test stacking strategies in order to reduce moves as much as practicable. Should this be achieved, the yard capacity would increase accordingly.

With respect to terminal capacity and assuming the yard developments as per above, under Scenario A the Webb Dock East limiting capacity was 1,220,000 TEU/annum.

This would result in a berthline productivity of 1,667 TEU/m/annum.

It should be noted that, on the basis of the modelling assumptions, this capacity of 1,220,000 TEU/annum would not be reached until the 2040's. The reason for this is that berth capacity is calculated as a function of crane allocation (based on fleet size) and productivity rates as previously outlined in the report.

Under Scenarios B1 - C, the terminal capacity is increased to up to 1,460,000 TEU/annum.

It should be noted that the capacity depicted in Scenario B1 - C, is also dependent on the following future eventualities:

- > TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70
- > Vessel schedule reliability improving and/or shipping lines accepting lower service levels/increased waiting time

Under Scenarios B1 - C, the berthline productivity increases to a maximum of 1,995 TEU/m. This remains within the bounds of what is considered reasonable in the future based up achieving all productivity improvements.

Under Scenario's D and D1, terminal capacity is anticipated to be less than that under Scenario C (1,415,000 and 1,355,000 TEU/annum respectively).

Peak crane productivity varies by scenario from 152,000 TEU/crane/annum (Scenario A) to 182,000 TEU/crane/annum (Scenario C). This indicates crane utilisation of up to 42%.

The calculated effective berths at WDE remains at 2.0 with a slight decrease to 1.9 in 2050 (Scenarios A-D). The average cranes per vessel increase from 2.8 to up to 3.9 (Scenario's A-D) or 3.5-3.6 (Scenario D1) over time in response to the changing fleet profile.

Figure 35 Calculated Capacity – Webb Dock East

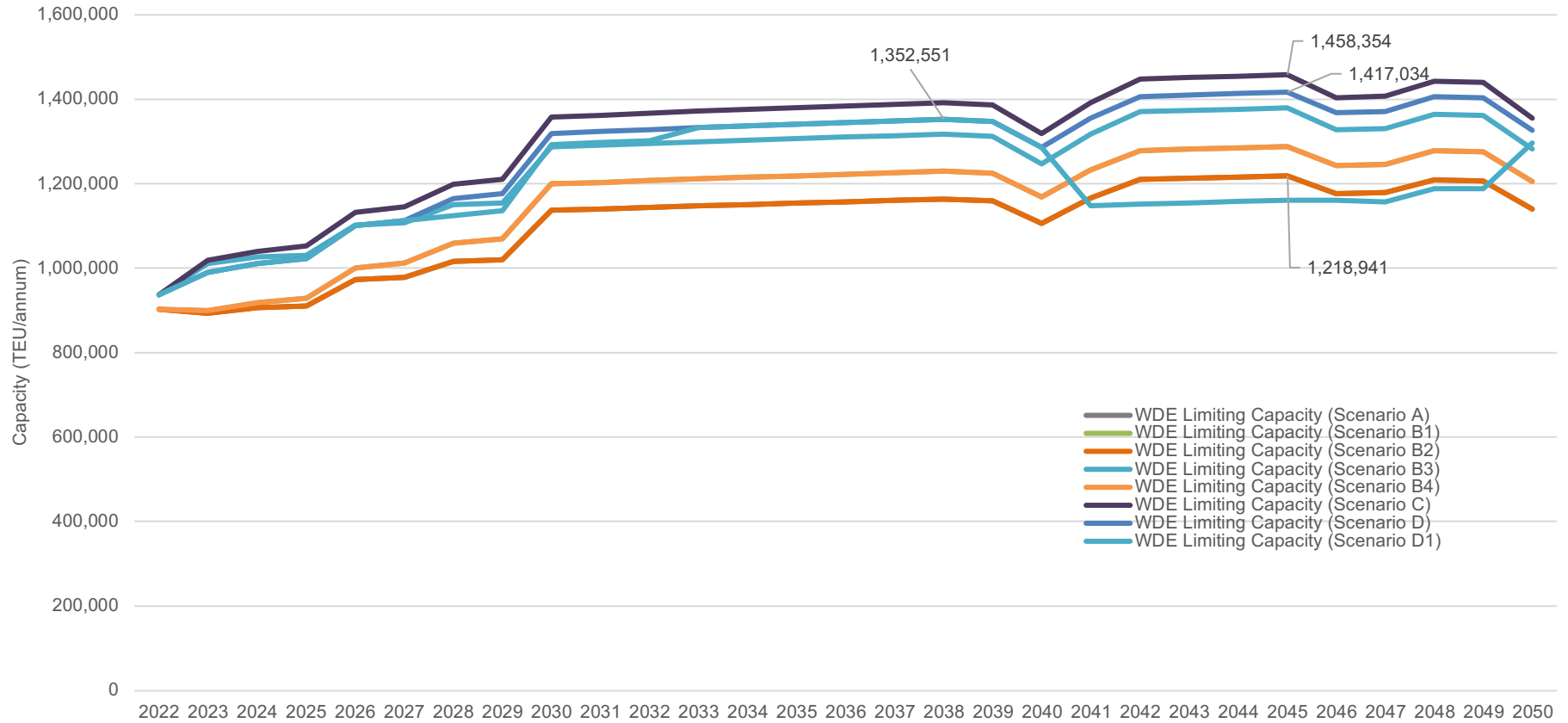


Figure 36 Calculated Quayline Productivity– Webb Dock East

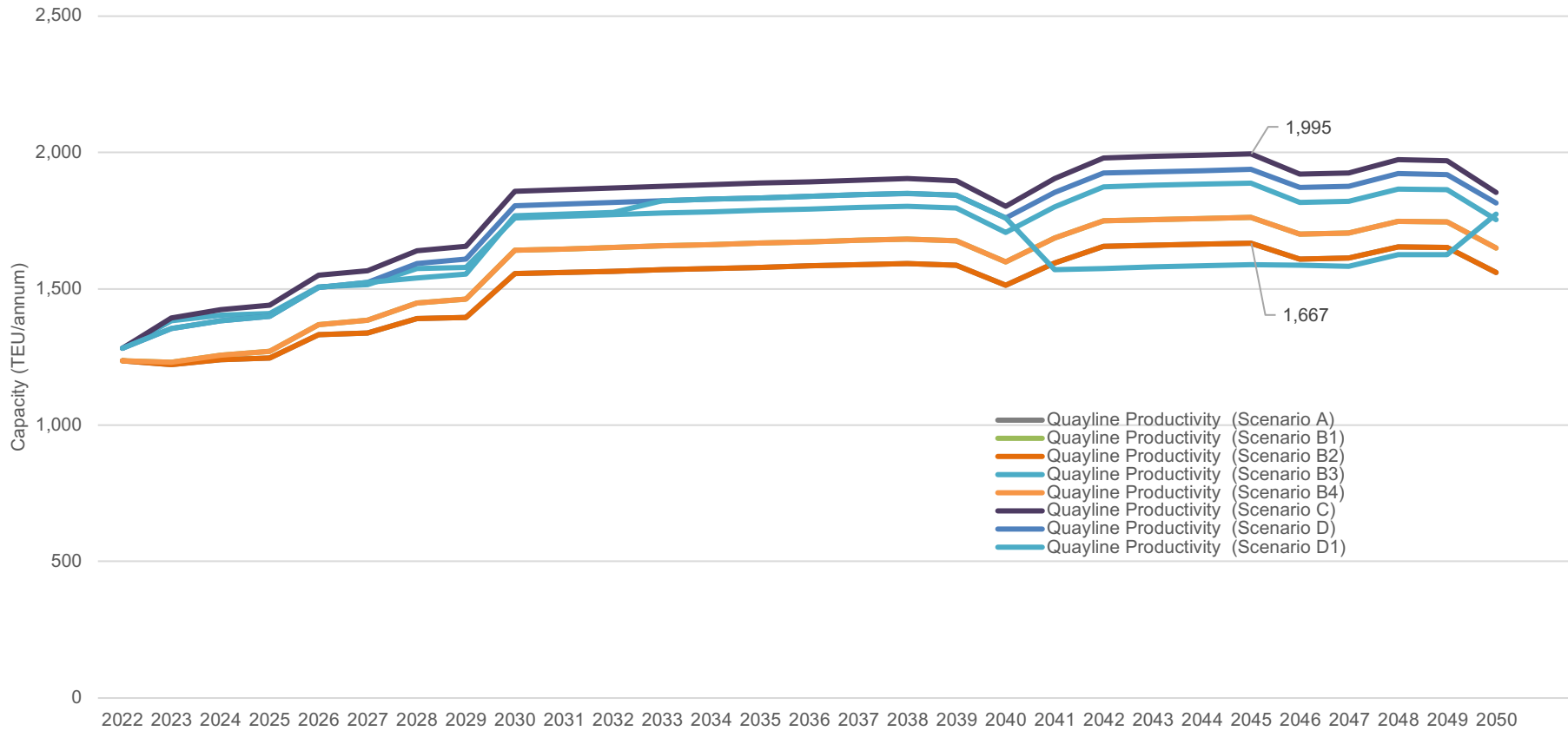
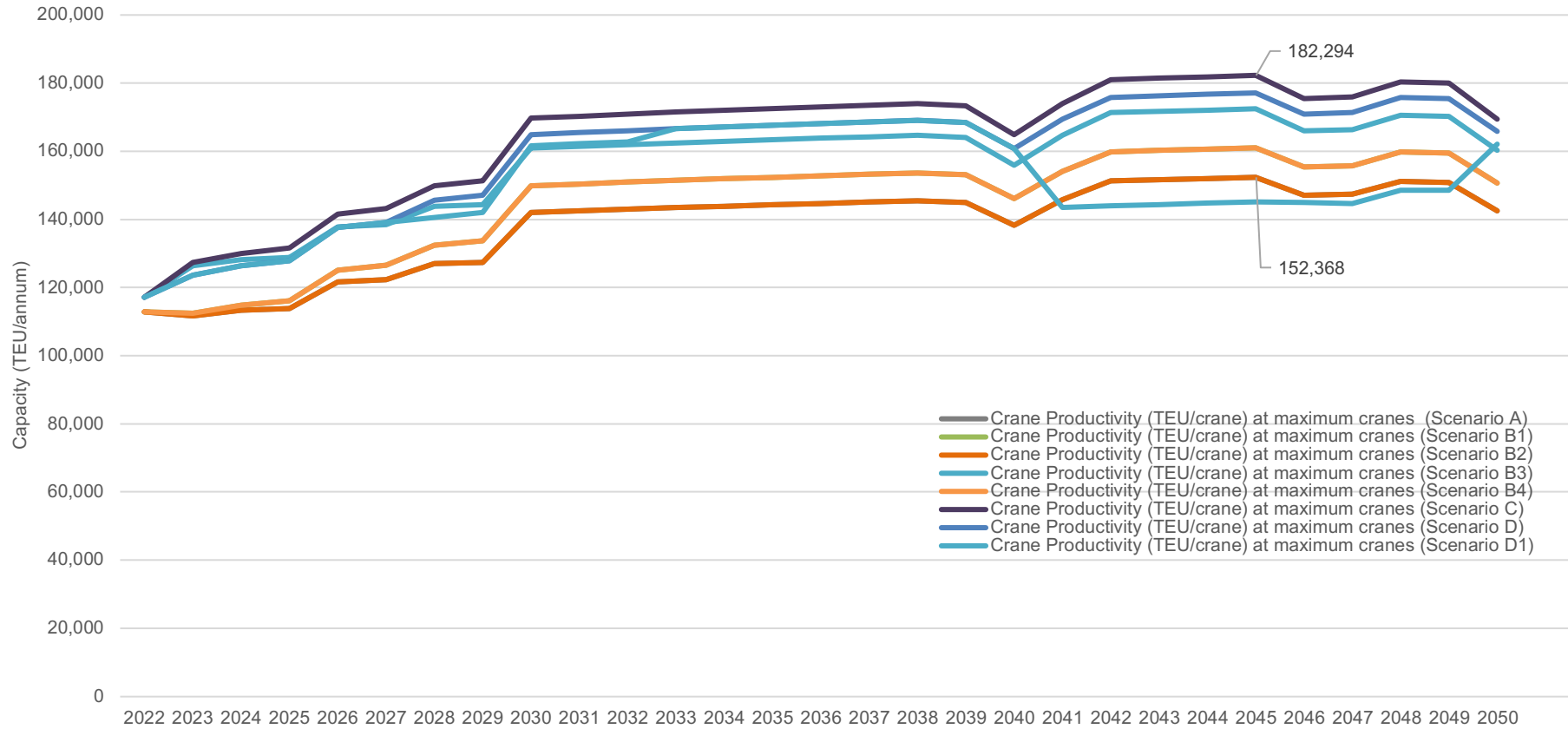


Figure 37 Calculated Crane Productivity– Webb Dock East



9.4 Port of Melbourne Overall Capacity

The optimum capacity across the three (3) PoM terminals has been modelled and is presented in the figure below against forecast baseline trade.

As demonstrated in the graphs above and Figure 38 below, the calculated capacities within the berths and yards fluctuate over time with trade and vessel mixes.

The optimum terminal capacities are as presented in Figures 29, 32 and 35 across five (5) year increments. It is noted that the point at

which the peak optimum capacity is reached depends on both the future fleet profile and crane deployment.

It is noted that the trade contained within the figure below is the baseline forecast provided by PoM. Planning of port infrastructure development should be undertaken on baseline or upper forecasts to provide adequate contingency.

Lower forecasts should not be relied upon for the timing and introduction of new infrastructure. In the event that upper trade forecasts eventuate, this will bring forward the need for additional capacity.

Figure 38 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario A

Terminal	Scenario A (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,394,200	1,310,090	1,281,730	1,482,120	1,408,880	1,413,600
Swanson Dock West	1,411,060	1,364,870	1,335,020	1,543,780	1,467,540	1,472,330
Webb Dock East	910,580	1,137,000	1,154,410	1,106,160	1,218,940	1,140,760
PoM Total	3,715,840	3,811,960	3,771,160	4,132,050	4,095,370	4,026,690

Figure 39 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario B1

Terminal	Scenario B1 (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,422,710	1,382,540	1,353,360	1,564,650	1,487,210	1,493,110
Swanson Dock West	1,439,730	1,440,350	1,409,620	1,629,740	1,549,130	1,555,130
Webb Dock East	929,520	1,199,570	1,218,930	1,169,040	1,288,210	1,206,010
PoM Total	3,791,960	4,022,450	3,981,910	4,363,420	4,324,560	4,254,250

Figure 40 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario B2

Terminal	Scenario B2 (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,527,860	1,438,210	1,408,450	1,628,110	1,547,430	1,554,300
Swanson Dock West	1,545,450	1,498,350	1,467,010	1,695,840	1,611,860	1,618,870
Webb Dock East	910,580	1,137,000	1,154,410	1,106,160	1,218,940	1,140,760
PoM Total	3,983,890	4,073,560	4,029,870	4,430,110	4,378,230	4,313,930

Figure 41 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario B3

Terminal	Scenario B3 (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,441,340	1,366,010	1,347,280	1,556,540	1,477,820	1,487,510
Swanson Dock West	1,455,850	1,413,510	1,393,900	1,610,430	1,529,020	1,538,950
Webb Dock East	1,030,840	1,287,170	1,306,880	1,247,560	1,379,930	1,281,990
PoM Total	3,928,040	4,066,690	4,048,050	4,414,520	4,386,770	4,308,440

Figure 42 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario B4

Terminal	Scenario B4 (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,558,660	1,516,730	1,486,240	1,717,680	1,632,420	1,640,750
Swanson Dock West	1,576,400	1,580,160	1,548,030	1,789,140	1,700,390	1,708,910
Webb Dock East	929,520	1,199,570	1,218,930	1,169,040	1,288,210	1,206,010
PoM Total	4,064,580	4,296,460	4,253,200	4,675,860	4,621,020	4,555,670

Figure 43 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario C

Terminal	Scenario C (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,611,170	1,581,200	1,561,950	1,727,630	1,712,080	1,726,270
Swanson Dock West	1,626,440	1,636,190	1,616,000	1,866,080	1,771,400	1,785,970
Webb Dock East	1,052,290	1,358,000	1,379,920	1,318,530	1,458,350	1,355,340
PoM Total	4,289,900	4,575,390	4,557,860	4,912,250	4,941,840	4,867,590

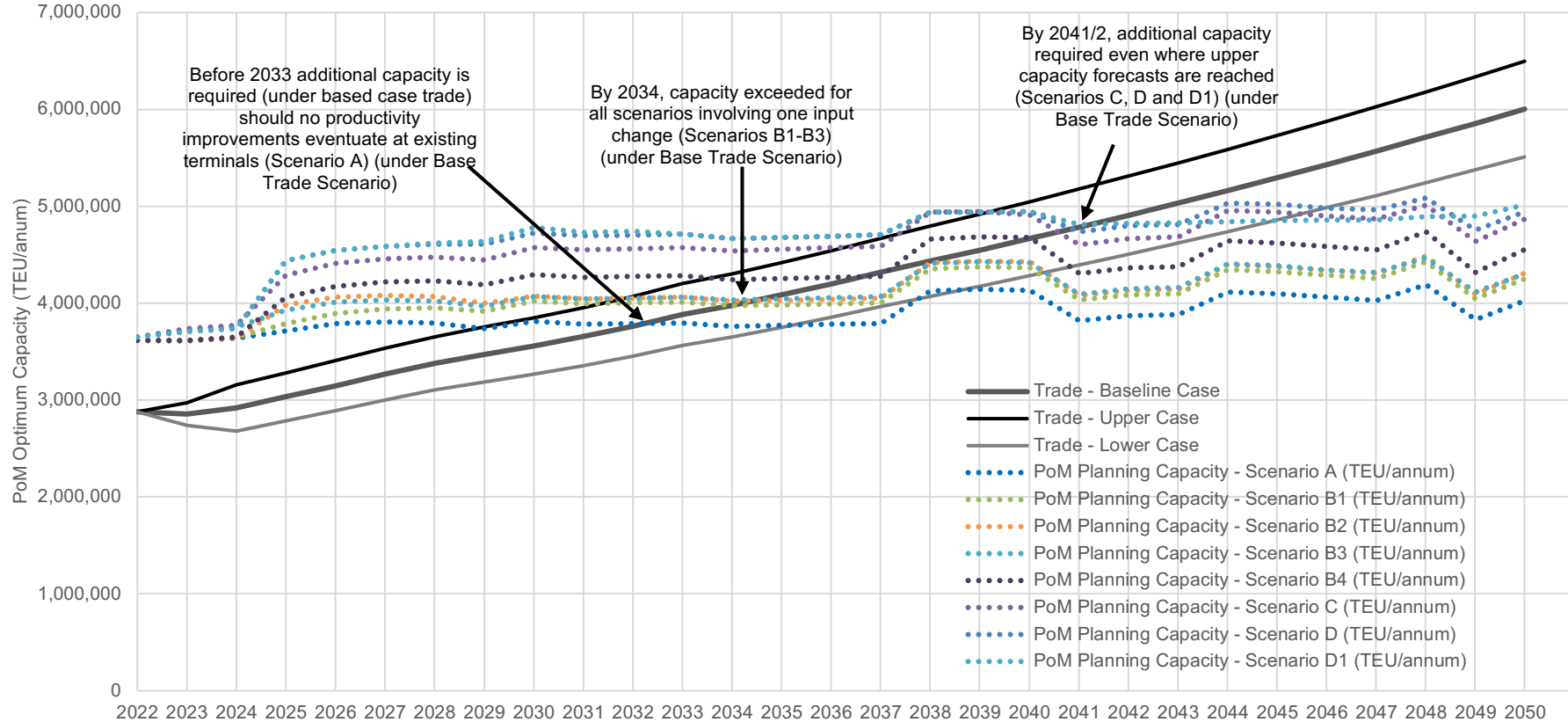
Figure 44 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario D

Terminal	Scenario D (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,684,840	1,668,400	1,634,860	1,727,630	1,735,310	1,741,900
Swanson Dock West	1,734,040	1,738,180	1,702,840	1,930,490	1,870,430	1,879,810
Webb Dock East	1,022,470	1,319,530	1,340,820	1,285,940	1,417,030	1,326,610
PoM Total	4,441,350	4,726,100	4,678,520	4,944,060	5,022,770	4,948,320

Figure 45 PoM Optimum Capacity – Scenario D1

Terminal	Scenario D1 (TEU/Annum)					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Swanson Dock East	1,684,840	1,705,500	1,634,860	1,727,630	1,735,310	1,741,900
Swanson Dock West	1,734,040	1,783,390	1,702,840	1,930,490	1,954,810	1,976,730
Webb Dock East	1,022,470	1,293,120	1,340,820	1,285,940	1,161,000	1,296,710
PoM Total	4,441,350	4,782,010	4,678,520	4,944,060	4,851,120	5,015,350

Figure 46 PoM Optimum Capacity 2022-2050 (Black Quay, 2022)



Notes:

1. Scenarios B1 to D1 are dependent on the future eventualities outlined in Section 8.1. This includes TEU factor continued to increase to 1.70, vessel schedule reliability improved post-covid and improved productivity at SDW.
2. WDE capacity includes expansion to 13 ASC blocks as planned in 2023 and further expansion to 15 ASC blocks by 2030 where required by scenario.
3. SDW capacity is based on assumed improvements in yard capacity over time including introduction of 1 over 3 straddles, reduction of empty container dwells and/or increased slots through use of WSIT or otherwise.
4. Gate capacity at each terminal is based on an assumption of efficient gate operations with booking systems to alleviate peaking. Where this doesn't occur, gate capacities will be reduced.

9.5 Key Observations

The following observations should be noted in relation to the above results:

- > The quay line productivity of each terminal under Scenario A falls within the limits that would be reasonably expected of an origin-destination terminal. The quayline productivities under Scenario B1-D1 are also considered reasonable into the future where future productivity enhancements are realised, albeit some considered to be at the upper end of what may be achievable.
- > The crane productivity of each terminal falls within what may be reasonably expected of a productive terminal in the future where crane utilisation of 45% can be achieved and consistently maintained.
- > Under Scenario A the optimum terminal capacity is reached in the following years (subject to assumptions made, including fleet profile, crane deployment etc):
 - o Webb Dock East - 2045
 - o Swanson Dock East - 2040
 - o Swanson Dock West - 2040
- > The ability to reach the quoted capacities prior to these dates would require variation to the assumed modelling inputs, particularly in relation to crane deployment by vessel size.
- > Under Scenario B1 to B3, individual changes under three different parameters were tested. The parameter that had the largest impact was the crane rate which increased total Port of Melbourne capacity by up to 300,000 TEU/annum.
- > In Scenario C, an increase in crane rate, berth utilisation and TEU ratio was tested. Under this scenario, the optimum terminal capacity is indicatively effective in the following years (subject to assumptions made including fleet profile, crane deployment etc):
 - o Webb Dock East - 2045
 - o Swanson Dock East - 2048
 - o Swanson Dock West - 2040
- > Scenario D explored the stretch capacity where seasonal peaking at berth was not considered (in addition to assumed productivity improvements). The impact of this (above Scenario C) varied year-by-year and suggested up to an additional 165,000 TEU/annum capacity port-wide.
- > Scenario D1 explored the potential capacity where a larger fleet size was able to frequent Swanson Dock (in addition to assumed productivity improvements). The impact of this (above Scenario C) varied year-by-year and suggested up to an additional 265,000 TEU/annum capacity port-wide.
- > All scenarios assume that Swanson Dock Operators will convert to 1 over 3 straddles as required to increase yard capacity.
- > Scenarios B1 to C are dependent on a combination of the following:
 - o TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70

- Vessel schedule reliability improves and/or shipping lines accepting lower service levels/increased waiting time
- Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpm noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission

10 Suggested Performance Metrics

The modelling indicates that the capacity at all three of the PoM container terminals is dictated by the productivity achieved at berth and the level of service expected to be required by customers.

Volumes can exceed the level of capacity quoted (and in some instances, have historically done so on isolated occasions). However, this is at the detriment of the level of service provided to the customer, particularly leading to increased levels of congestion.

In monitoring terminal capacity at each of the terminals and any surplus capacity that exists, reference should be made back to the discussion contained within Section 4.9 which demonstrates the proposed linkages between customer wait time, berth productivity and overall level of services achieved.

Section 4.9.4 concluded that an overall WT:ST of 0.1 and a berth productivity of at least 50 containers/hour should be seen as the minimum level of service for the container terminal operators.

With this in mind, the following performance metrics are considered appropriate when monitoring terminal capacity (to be considered for each terminal):

- > Actual WT:ST time ratios experienced by the fleet
- > Berth utilisation figures
- > Berth productivity in terms of containers/hour.

These figures should be taken over a suitable time period (recommend quarterly) to provide an accurate picture of terminal operations and not be distorted by short-term anomalies.

The monitoring of these factors will allow PoM to determine the level of service being provided to customers (in accordance with the framework provided in Figure 17). It will also allow for the assessment of the degree of surplus capacity within each terminal without detriment to service level.

It is noted that in some instances, the yard capacity is similar to berth capacity. Therefore, it is recommended that performance metrics in relation to yard operations are also monitored.

The following performance metrics would be appropriate when monitoring yard capacity:

- > Actual dwell times in the yard
- > Average yard utilisation figures
- > Peak yard utilisation figures.

Finally, to monitor any congestion that is experienced as a downstream impact of blockages elsewhere, it is also recommended that the following performance metrics at the gate are monitored:

- > Average truck turnaround times (taken from truck arrival/scheduled window time)

Chapter IV: Conclusion

Port of Melbourne – Container Capacity Review



Black Quay has undertaken terminal capacity modelling for each of the three international container terminals at Port of Melbourne and this is summarised in the following figure.

The modelling considers eight (8) scenarios, five (5) of which consider future improvements in operating parameters that Black Quay consider to be possible future outcomes. Two (2) additional 'stretch cases' consider the removal of seasonal peaking and alternative fleet visitation to Swanson Dock respectively.

The modelling indicated that the future combined capacity of the terminals is between 4,190,000 - 5,086,000 TEU/annum, dependent on eight (8) different scenarios as outlined in the following figure.

Five (5) scenarios fall between 4,190,000 to 4,737,000 TEU/annum. The remaining three (3) scenarios rely upon multiple future eventualities and stretch potential capacity to 5,010,000 – 5,085,000 TEU/annum.

Regardless of scenario, the review of development of capacity over time against base trade forecasts indicated that additional capacity will be required at Port of Melbourne before 2033 where no productivity improvements are realised. This requirement would be delayed by one year (2034) where either crane rates, TEU ratio and berth utilisation increased.

Even where all 3 of these productivity improvements are realised (as per Scenario C), seasonality is not considered (Scenario D) or larger vessels are permitted at Swanson Dock (Scenario D1), additional capacity will be required by 2041/42.

Should the high trade case eventuate, these timeframes will be brought forward by up to 3-4 years.

Whilst there may be points in time that a terminal can achieve a throughput above its optimum capacity (and closer to its maximum capacity), this is not considered to be a sustainable level of operation. In instances where optimum capacity is exceeded, it would be expected that productivity, efficiency, reliability and safety may all be negatively impacted.

Figure 47 PoM Optimum Capacity (Peak Figures Presented)

	A	B1	B2	B3	B4	C	D	D1
Description	Current Productivities	Increased TEU Ratio	Increased Crane Rate	Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate Increased Berth Utilisation	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking	Increased TEU Ratio Increased Crane Rate No Seasonal Peaking Larger Vessels at SD
Swanson Dock East	1,482,120	1,564,650	1,628,110	1,556,540	1,717,680	1,739,370	1,741,900	1,741,900
Swanson Dock West	1,543,780	1,629,740	1,695,840	1,610,430	1,789,140	1,866,080	1,941,420	1,976,730
Webb Dock East	1,218,940	1,288,210	1,218,940	1,379,930	1,288,210	1,458,350	1,417,030	1,352,550
PoM Total	4,190,830	4,426,960	4,486,420	4,467,410	4,737,020	5,012,210	5,086,530	5,015,350
Dependent on	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpmph noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpmph noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpmph noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpmph noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission Increased ability to manage congestion associated with seasonal peaking and/or acceptance of decreased level of service in these times	SD Terminal operators invest in 1 over 3 strads as required to increase yard capacity TEU factor continues to increase to 1.70 Increased berth utilisation through vessel schedule reliability increases and/or increased wait time tolerance by shipping lines Improvements in DPW productivity to 30gpmph noting that this would likely require improvements in DP World's industrial framework as per DPW submission to the Productivity Commission Increased ability to manage congestion associated with seasonal peaking and/or acceptance of decreased level of service in these times Ability for 11,500TEU vessels to visit Swanson Dock

Note: *Timing of SDE, SDW and WDE peak capacities is not coincident and therefore the peak optimum capacity of PoM as a whole is slightly lower than the sum of the individual terminal capacities.

Appendix A: Key Model Inputs by Scenario

	Scenario A	Scenario B1	Scenario B2	Scenario B3	Scenario B4	Scenario C	Scenario D	Scenario D1
TEU to Box Ratio								
Swanson Dock								
2022	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
2030	1.60	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
2040	1.60	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
2050	1.60	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Webb Dock								
2022	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
2030	1.60	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
2040	1.60	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
2050	1.60	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Dwell Times								
2022								
Imports - Full	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Imports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Exports - Full	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Exports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Transhipment - Inward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transhipment - Outward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transhipment - Empty	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2030								
Imports - Full	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Imports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Exports - Full	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Exports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Transhipment - Inward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transhipment - Outward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Transshipment - Empty	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2040								
Imports - Full	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Imports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Exports - Full	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Exports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Transshipment - Inward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transshipment - Outward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transshipment - Empty	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2050								
Imports - Full	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Imports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Exports - Full	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Exports - Empty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Transshipment - Inward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transshipment - Outward	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transshipment - Empty	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Gross Crane Rate

Swanson Dock

2022	27.0	27.0	30.0	27.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
2030	27.0	27.0	30.0	27.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
2040	27.0	27.0	30.0	27.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
2050	27.0	27.0	30.0	27.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0

Webb Dock

2022	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
2030	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
2040	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
2050	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0

Berth Utilisation Factor

Berth Numbers

1 Berth (maximum utilisation)	31.0%	31.0%	31.0%	31.0%	31.0%	31.0%	31.0%	31.0%
2 Berth (maximum utilisation)	53.0%	53.0%	53.0%	60.0%	53.0%	60.0%	53.0%	53.0%
3 Berth (maximum utilisation)	63.0%	63.0%	63.0%	65.0%	63.0%	65.0%	63.0%	63.0%
4 Berth (maximum utilisation)	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%

Assumed Mooring/Demooring Time per Visit

All terminals (hours)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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Quay Crane Allocation (Based upon vessel Size)

Tier 1

Minimum Vessel Size (TEU)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum Vessel Size (TEU)	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Number of Cranes	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Tier 2

Minimum Vessel Size (TEU)	5001	5001	5001	5001	5001	5001	5001	5001
Maximum Vessel Size (TEU)	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000
Number of Cranes	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Tier 3

Minimum Vessel Size (TEU)	9001	9001	9001	9001	9001	9001	9001	9001
Maximum Vessel Size (TEU)	14000	14000	14000	14000	14000	14000	14000	14000
Number of Cranes	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Other

STS Crane limitation (absolute minimum spacing = berthline/#cranes)	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
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Chosen Trade and Fleet Case for Trade Breakdown

Chosen trade case (to dictate container split only)

Fleet Case

Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario A Fleet	Base Scenario B Fleet
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Seasonal Peaking

Seasonal peaking allowance for berth	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%	0%
Seasonal peaking allowance for yard	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%

Appendix B: Key Model Inputs by Year – SDE

Appendix C: Key Model Inputs by Year – SDW

Appendix D: Key Model Inputs by Year – WDE

Appendix E: Stakeholder Feedback Summary

The below table summarises the Stakeholder feedback received and the manner in which this has been incorporated within the capacity modelling.

Key Input	Are the input assumptions reasonable?		Scenario (s) added/amended in response to feedback
	What we heard	What has been done	
Yard Capacity			
Dwell Times	Submissions by stevedores noted shorter dwell times and turnover within the yard were possible.	Dwell times proposed by stevedores have been used to assess the relative impact on the resultant yard capacity (refer commentary for each terminal within Section 9).	All
Investments in yard capacity	Stakeholders noted that investments can be made within the yard to increase stacking density so that the yard is not the constraining factor.	<p>It noted that some investments can be made within the yard and in them majority of modelling instances, the yard is not the constraining factor.</p> <p>Although these proposed developments have not been modelling specifically, for the purposes of assessing the maximum terminal capacity, it has been assumed that the SD terminals can move to 1 over 3 straddle operations and that WDE can expand to 15 ASC blocks where required.</p> <p>To the extent that berth capacity significantly exceeds the current yard capacity, further analysis of the proposed options will be required to assess the viability of proposed options. However, Black Quay has provided preliminary comment on these.</p>	All
Berth Capacity			
Modelling methodology	Feedback provided by a stevedore questioned the appropriateness of using a static model, noting that a dynamic modelling methodology should be the preferred approach.	The modelling methodology adopted is consistent with best practice guidelines and is considered appropriate for long-term port planning purposes and is consistent with other static capacity models developed by the State government to support major capital investment decisions in port capacity. It is also noted that the results from Black Quay's static modelling are highly consistent with those provided by the stevedore's dynamic model, further validating the approach.	NA
Crane Cap Methodology	The crane cap previously adopted was considered to be too conservative and noted that higher crane productivities had been achieved, albeit with fewer cranes.	The methodology has been amended in response to this and the resultant crane productivity is now used for benchmarking purposes only and is no longer a limiting factor.	All
Crane Utilisation	Feedback provided by stevedores also implied that the adopted crane utilisation of 37% was too low and that it should be higher (53%).	As the 'Crane Cap' methodology is no longer being used as a limiting factor on capacity, the assumed average crane utilisation (which was a direct input into the 'Crane Cap' methodology) does not impact the overall capacity of the Port.	All

Key Input	Are the input assumptions reasonable?		Scenario (s) added/amended in response to feedback
	What we heard	What has been done	
Maximum number of cranes	It was generally accepted that the proposed maximum number of cranes was considered appropriate (if not high).	As the 'Crane Cap' methodology is no longer being used as a limiting factor on capacity, the assumed max number of cranes (which was a direct input into the 'Crane Cap' methodology) does not impact the overall capacity of the Port.	All
Number of berths	Feedback provided by stakeholders was split with some noting that the Swanson Dock terminals is likely to be a two-berth terminal for most of the time in the future with the expected increase in ship size, and others noting that it should be modelled assuming a nominal 3 berth functionality irrespective of the expected vessel profile.	This has not been accepted as it is generally accepted that the number of berths reduces as a result of increasing ship sizes. The effective number of berths has been determined based on the assumed fleet profile provided by GHD within the latest fleet forecast.	NA
Optimum Capacity Factor	The application of the Optimum Capacity Factor was noted as being too conservative when applied to the berth by some stakeholders and that it was already captured within other elements of the modelling. Furthermore, it was noted that it was not transparent around how a factor of 15% was determined and the appropriateness of a 'generalised' figure given the local context and why it was required.	To provide greater transparency on the modelling methodology, the optimum capacity factor has been removed. The Operating Hours have been updated to account for outages relating to bad weather, and Seasonal Peaking has been added to capture the variances in trade throughout the year. Seasonal peaking has been based around historic data of peaking across berth.	All
Operating Hours	Feedback provided by stevedores noted the total terminal operating hours should include time associated with outages (i.e. bad weather, IR, etc) and not within a broad 15% optimum capacity factor.	To provide greater transparency on the modelling methodology, the terminal operating hours has been updated to include a 2% allowance for bad weather. The total terminal operating hours is consistent with the modelling provided by Patrick.	All
TEU ratio	It was noted by some stakeholders that there is a general trend of the TEU ratio increasing over time and that a TEU ratio of 1.7 should be considered for long-term planning purposes.	Although it is difficult to accurately predict the extent to which the TEU ratio will increase in the future, it has been accepted that the TEU ratio is likely to be higher in the future. Scenario B1, B4, C, D and D1 consider the impact of the TEU ratio increasing to 1.7 over time.	Scenario B1, B4, C and D and D1
Crane Working Time	Feedback provided by stevedores noted that crane rates should be measured as a 'gross' rate which measures the time from the first lift to the last lift.	The modelling has been updated to reflect crane rates in 'gross' terms and the crane working time has been removed.	All
Non-working time at berth	Feedback provided by stevedores noted that non-working time is already captured within the berth utilisation and that it should be removed.	This has not been accepted as it is generally accepted that the berth utilisation should reflect the total hours at berth, not just the operational hours at berth. This is consistent with PIANC and other best practice guidelines. In terms of the assumption of 3 hours, this has been validated by actuals for Melbourne of 3.1hours (1.3hr start and 1.8hr finish) as presented By Australian Government Productivity Commission	NA

Key Input	Are the input assumptions reasonable?		Scenario (s) added/amended in response to feedback
	What we heard	What has been done	
Crane Rates	Feedback provided by some stevedores noted that the crane rates are likely to be higher in the future and that 30 GMPH should be considered for long-term capacity planning purposes.	Crane Rates have been updated to reflect feedback provided by stevedores based on their view of the reasonably achievable and sustainable crane rates within their terminals.	Scenario's B2, B4, C, D and D1.
Crane Intensity (CI)	<p>Some feedback provided by stakeholders noted that CI should be higher than current level and those adopted within the modelling.</p> <p>Stevedores pointed to other international ports which had adopted higher CI (PC2022) and the technical capability of vessels on what should be adopted for the modelling.</p>	<p>It is noted that the CI adopted within the modelling are broadly consistent with global averages (PC2022) and have been calibrated to ensure they are consistent in year 2022 with Melbourne actuals.</p> <p>Forecast crane intensities provided by one stevedore into the future assumed a different fleet profile than that provided by GHD. When considering this and utilising the stevedore's proposed approach, the longer term CI was consistent with Black Quay model.</p> <p>Further, the stevedores feedback was based upon a continued increase in call size into the future, which was not consistent with GHD modelling.</p> <p>Finally, when considering the CI to be adopted, the limiting maximum crane numbers (dictated by crane spacing of 90m) and the ability to share these across berths operating at maximum utilisation must be considered. In particular, and as per Section 1.4 of the report, Black Quay has had regard to productivities that can reasonably be expected to be sustained over a period of five consecutive years.</p> <p>On this basis, the CI adopted within the modelling is considered to be 'high' but reasonable for capacity planning purposes.</p> <p>As the proposed CI by the stevedores (which reflects world's best practice) has never been demonstrated locally and are significantly higher than the current CI levels, adopting the proposed CI is not considered to be prudent for Australian port planning purposes.</p>	NA
	Feedback provided by stevedores noted that Crane Intensities would increase during seasonal peaks to mitigate the potential impact of port congestion.	<p>Historical data from 2016 to 2023 relating to the average ship rate (moves/berth hour) and berth utilisation was analysed and the results indicate a clear relationship between higher berth utilisations leading to lower ship rates (PoM)</p> <p>This trend has been consistent throughout the entire review period, even when periods relating to planned berth outages and pandemic related disruptions are excluded.</p>	NA

Key Input	Are the input assumptions reasonable?		Scenario (s) added/amended in response to feedback
	What we heard	What has been done	
		Based on this, it has been determined that Crane Intensities are unlikely to increase materially during seasonal peaks (PoM)	
Seasonal Peaking	Feedback provided by stevedores noted that there should be no additional allowance for seasonal peaking as it is already captured within the <i>base case</i> berth utilisation of 53%/63% for a 2 berth / 3 berth terminal. However, it was noted that seasonal peaking of 15% was generally considered to be appropriate for yard capacity.	Two new scenarios (Scenario D and D1) has been added to the modelling to assess the relative impact on capacity if seasonal peaking is excluded from berth capacity and that it is assumed that the supply chain would accept higher waiting times during seasonal peaks. It is noted that the application of the seasonal peaking factor was considered to not be appropriate by stevedores in the context of the <i>base case</i> berth utilisation, not the higher berth utilisation rates of 60%/65% for a 2 berth / 3 berth terminal proposed by some stakeholders.	Scenario D and D1.
Wait Time to Service Time	Feedback provided by shipping lines generally noted that waiting time should be no greater than 2 hours (which translate to a wait time to service time of less than 10% for most calls in Melbourne). Feedback provided by some stevedores noted that the wait time to service time ratio should be the average across the entire year, and not a max that should be maintained during seasonal peak periods. Feedback provided by stevedores noted that waiting time should only consider delays to vessels that arrive "on-window", not vessels that arrive "off-schedule".	The impact of excluding seasonal peaking has been considered within two new scenarios (Scenarios D and D1), and assumes an average wait time of 10% across the year, with some congestion/higher wait time to service time ratios during peak periods as the port nears its capacity. (It is noted that the application of the seasonal peaking factor was considered by stevedores to not be appropriate in the context of the <i>base case</i> berth utilisation only, not the higher berth utilisation rates of 60%/65% for a 2 berth / 3 berth terminal proposed by some stakeholders.)	Scenario D and D1.
Berth Utilisation	Feedback provided by stevedores noted that the berth utilisation adopted in the base case is too conservative and that it is standard practice to adopt a higher berth utilisation of 60%/65% for a 2 berth / 3 berth terminal.	The higher berth utilisation proposed by stevedores has been considered in scenarios (B3 and C).	Scenario B3 and C.

Key Input	Are the input assumptions reasonable?		Scenario (s) added/amended in response to feedback
	What we heard	What has been done	
	<p>Feedback provided by stevedores noted that due to the scheduling capability within the Australian market (i.e. stevedores operating at multiple ports across Australia), they have a greater ability to manage vessel arrival patterns and can therefore operate at a higher berth utilisation without causing congestion.</p>	<p>Given the horizontally integrated nature of stevedores across multiple Australian container ports, there is in theory scope for a greater level of scheduling of vessel arrivals. It is noted however, that the historic figures utilised within the report to inform the determination of the appropriate berth utilisation profile (Section 4.9.3) would already incorporate any of these benefits.</p> <p>Nevertheless, additional scenarios B3 and C have been added to reflect the impact on berth utilisation if the implied scheduling capability of stevedores can be improved such that the proposed berth utilisation of 60%/65% for a 2 berth / 3 berth terminal can be maintained without compromising wait time to service time ratios.</p>	<p>Scenario B3 and C.</p>
Fleet Forecast			
Fleet Forecast	<p>Whilst Black Quay has not been involved in the Stakeholder consultation in relation to GHD's fleet forecast, it is understood that feedback provided by stevedores noted that there are some vessels with a capacity of up to 11,500 TEU's within the global fleet that fit within the Swanson Dock limits, although the availability of these vessels is currently low.</p>	<p>GHD has developed a new scenario (Scenario B) within the fleet forecast in response to stakeholder feedback. Scenarios D1 within the capacity modelling assess the impact of the alternate fleet profile to assess the relative impact of GHD's alternative fleet forecast (Scenario B).</p>	<p>Scenario D1.</p>
Trade Forecasts	<p>Black Quay was not involved in the Stakeholder feedback stage for the trade forecasts. However it is noted that the trade forecasts have been updated.</p>	<p>Trade forecasts have been updated by others and included within the Black Quay model.</p>	<p>All Scenarios</p>

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