

Port of Melbourne



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Port of Melbourne welcomes Federal commitment to Victorian Intermodal Terminals; believes priority should go to Western Intermodal terminal

Port of Melbourne welcomes \$3.1 billion in new Commonwealth Government commitments to deliver the \$3.6 billion Melbourne Intermodal Terminal Package to accommodate future Inland Rail services and strengthen the national supply chain.

Both the Western and Beveridge freight terminals are critical over the long term to support economic growth and livability by moving more freight on rail.

With 37 percent of containers imported through the port destined for the outer western suburbs¹ the Port supports the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT) as the immediate priority. WIFT provides the most effective consolidation point for the majority of the Port's international import and export containers that are located to the west and north of Melbourne, as the Port's 2020 [Container Logistics Chain Study](#) found.

"The port has always acknowledged the long term need for two Intermodal terminals in the Melbourne metropolitan, however we believe the immediate priority should be WIFT," Port of Melbourne CEO Saul Cannon said.

"WIFT creates the most opportunity to shift more freight onto rail in the short to medium term."

"More than one-third of Australia's container trade comes through the Port of Melbourne, and with container trade expected to triple over the next thirty years it's critical we get more freight movements on rail in the future, so this commitment to our national supply chain infrastructure is very welcome," Port Melbourne CEO Saul Cannon said.

Port of Melbourne supports the increased use of rail to move freight, as evidenced by its investment of more than \$125m in the Port Rail Transformation Project (PRTP) as part of a suite of major initiatives to sustain the Port's standing as a world-class port facility. The PRTP is designed to enhance existing and build new rail infrastructure within the port precinct to connect to metropolitan and regional intermodal freight terminals.

Port of Melbourne CEO Saul Cannon said the Port will continue to invest along with industry and government to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of the port supply chain.

"Inland Rail needs to connect efficiently with other freight infrastructure, including the Port of Melbourne and metropolitan and regional intermodal freight terminals," Mr Cannon said. "Connection of Inland Rail to the Port of Melbourne, including a direct freight connection to Webb Dock, is essential if we're going to meet the long term demands of consumers and business," he said.

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¹ Port of Melbourne [Container Logistics Chain Study](#) 2020

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Container Logistics - Facts

The Port’s 2020 [Container Logistics Chain Study](#) found that 37 percent of containers carrying import cargo went to the outer western suburbs including Derrimut and Truganina, with a further 27 percent going to the outer south-eastern suburbs such as Dandenong South, followed by 16 percent going to the northern suburbs. 34 percent of export freight comes from the outer west of metropolitan Melbourne.

Destinations of full international and mainland import containers

Area	TEU	%
Inner Melbourne	86,194	7.2%
Outer Eastern	89,329	7.4%
Outer Northern	188,178	16%
Outer South East	320,256	27%
Outer Western	448,904	37%
METROPOLITAN TOTAL	1,132,861	94%
Regional Victoria Total	45,714	3.8%
Interstate Total	26,049	2.2%
GRAND TOTAL	1,204,624	100%

Origins of full international and mainland export containers

Area	TEU	%
Inner Melbourne	51,134	7.5%
Outer Eastern	24,174	3.5%
Outer Northern	51,210	7.5%
Outer South East	78,774	11.5%
Outer Western	231,521	34%
METROPOLITAN TOTAL	436,813	64%
Eastern Corridor	24,122	3.5%
Goulburn Corridor	6,940	1.0%
Hume Corridor	2,216	0.3%
North Western Corridor	53,526	7.8%
Peninsula	3,653	0.5%
South Western Corridor	71,708	10.5%
Western Corridor	22,073	3.2%
REGIONAL VICTORIA TOTAL	184,238	27%
Southern NSW & ACT	28,357	4.1%
Remainder of NSW	22,147	3.2%
South Australia	9,621	1.4%
Other states	4,076	0.6%
INTERSTATE TOTAL	64,201	9.4%
GRAND TOTAL	685,252	100%

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