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Industrial action at VICT Webb Dock terminal

Landside carriers servicing the VICT Webb Dock terminal are urged to note industrial action by the Maritime Union of Australia beginning this Friday, 19 February and continuing into next week that is expected to cause significant disruption.

As part of the industrial action, the following is expected:

- Work stoppage for a full 12-hour shift on Friday, 19 February, commencing 6pm.
- Further 12-hour shift bans are threatened for Sunday, 21 February at 6am, followed immediately by a 24-hour ban commencing at 6pm on 21 February.
- Crane operation bans on the VICT control room from Monday, 22 February unless the operations of each crane is manned by a dedicated quayside supervisor.

These actions are additional to a scheduled four-hour work stoppage today, 16 February, which the VTA condemned last week.

The MUA should be ashamed of this opportunistic and irresponsible industrial action, which comes at a pivotal juncture in Victoria's recovery from the COVID pandemic, and with supply chains already under significant additional pressures because of the recent snap lockdown in place throughout the state.

The VTA encourages the union to rethink their unrealistic and unworkable demands, which introduces unnecessary competitive pressures that could easily see freight customers send and receive goods via other ports, to the detriment of road, rail, and sea freight operators in Victoria.

Should you require any further information please contact the VTA on 9646 8590.

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