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PORTS VICTORIA MOVES TO CLEAR PORTS OF MELBOURNE AND HASTINGS OF ALL VESSELS AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION BEFORE SVITZER AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL LOCKOUT THIS FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER.

Update #2

In accordance with our Notice yesterday, Ports Victoria confirms that arrivals into port of Melbourne were suspended from 14:00 today 17th November. Vessels will be cleared from port of Melbourne waters commencing at 21:00 tonight 17th November. The scheduling of vessel movements will be coordinated through Melbourne VTS. Vessels currently at anchor in port of Melbourne waters will also begin to be cleared from 21:00 tonight.

Notice to Mariners 403(T) - 2022 to this effect has been issued. You will find the link [here](#).

The Harbour Master for the port of Hastings will be directing vessels not to enter the port of Hastings waters. There are currently no vessels at berth in the Port of Hastings.

Discussions are being held regarding the coastal trade vessels servicing Tasmania, which may allow a continuation of service provided appropriate mitigations are in place.

These requirements will only cease if a decision from Fair Work Commission or Svitzer, as the case may be, makes it clear that towage services will be available for emergency towage and emergency response services, critical to safe port operations.

Towage services at the ports of Geelong and Portland are not impacted, at this stage.