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VTA urges operators to pass on Patrick infrastructure surcharge increases

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) has advised members to pass on in full increases to infrastructure surcharges announced today by stevedore Patrick.

Patrick will introduce a new surcharge at its Sydney and Fremantle terminals, and is increasing the surcharge at its Fisherman Islands and East Swanson Dock terminals. It will also increase its Ancillary Charges due to increased labour and energy costs.

The new rates, which take effect from 10 July, 2017, are:

- Sydney: \$25.45 per box
- Fremantle: \$4.76 per box
- Fisherman Islands: \$32.55 per box
- East Swanson Dock: \$32 per box

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said operators had no choice but to pass on the higher surcharge.

“At a time when operators are facing unprecedented increases to infrastructure and road user charges in and around the Port of Melbourne, it is important to ensure the increases are passed on through the supply chain for freight businesses to remain sustainable and viable in a competitive trading environment,” he said.

“Customers need to understand that the costs of doing business for transport operators are increasing rapidly, and that transactional costs such as this surcharge ultimately must be worn by consumers of goods and services.”

Mr Anderson commended Patrick for extending one-stop trading terms from seven to 30 days, which will help operators transition and adjust for the changes to the surcharge.

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