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**MEDIA RELEASE: Patrick Terminals strengthens support for rail importers and exporters at the Port of Melbourne**

Patrick Terminals has announced a new initiative to support importers and exporters using rail freight at its PortRail Melbourne terminal, reinforcing its commitment to improving supply chain efficiency and increasing rail freight uptake at the Port of Melbourne. This new initiative complements Port of Melbourne's recently announced Port Rail Shuttle Network (PRSN) Start-up Incentive.

From 1 March 2026 for a period of 2 years, Patrick will waive the Exchange Transfer Charge for eligible containers moved by rail to and from Patrick PortRail Melbourne. This temporary concession arrangement is offered by Patrick to support customers' initial transition to PortRail. The concession applies to containers originating from or terminating at Somerton Intermodal Terminal, SCT Altona and Salta Dandenong.

Patrick Terminals CEO Michael Jovicic said the initiative demonstrates Patrick's ongoing focus on practical, customer-focused solutions that improve the performance of Australia's supply chains. "Rail plays a critical role in reducing congestion, improving reliability and supporting long-term efficiency. This arrangement helps remove barriers to the transition to rail use and provides tangible support for importers and exporters who choose rail."

The announcement aligns with Patrick's long-standing investment in rail infrastructure to support higher rail volumes that provide more sustainable freight alternatives for Australia's importers and exporters.

Patrick will continue to work collaboratively with the Port of Melbourne, rail operators and intermodal partners to support rail growth and deliver more resilient, efficient freight outcomes for Victorian businesses and consumers.

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**About:**

Patrick Terminals is Australia's leading container terminal operator. Patrick operates some of Australia's most technologically advanced container terminals at four strategically located ports around the Australian coast. Patrick's network of terminals includes Brisbane AutoStrad Terminal, Sydney AutoStrad Terminal, Melbourne Terminal and Fremantle Terminal.

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