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14 August 2023

By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: ACCC Container stevedoring monitoring report 2022-23 – Industry surveys on container freight supply chain

I am writing to seek your views on the operation of the container freight supply chain in Australia.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has a role in monitoring prices, costs, and profits of container stevedores at the ports of Adelaide, Brisbane, Fremantle, Melbourne and Sydney pursuant to a direction issued by the Treasurer under what is now Part VIIA of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*. In fulfilling this role, we produce a Container stevedoring monitoring report each year.

For the past two years we have reached out to industry participants to seek their views on the operation of the container freight supply chain in Australia. In preparation for the 2022-23 report, we are again consulting with the industry to allow us to better understand the current issues and challenges affecting the container freight supply chain.

Confidentiality of information provided

We will accept the information that you provide on the basis that we will generally keep the information confidential. However, we are asking you for information to inform our understanding of the industry and to potentially include your information in our 2022-23 report.

We consider it reasonably unlikely that it will be necessary for us to disclose the information you provide in a manner that identifies your business. As in past years, we expect that we will de-identify and/or aggregate information provided by multiple respondents when publishing it in the 2022-23 report. This includes, for example, consolidated statements about the experiences of respondents generally, or about unidentified respondents or groups of respondents.

Should we propose to disclose any of the information you provide in a manner that may allow your business to be identified, we will consult with you further before doing so.

Survey responses

I have **attached** a Word document with a series of questions. I would be grateful if you could take the time to respond to them by **COB Friday, 25 August 2023**.

Please email your response to airportsandports@acc.gov.au, gennady.kleiner@acc.gov.au and melissa.baker2@acc.gov.au.

If you have any questions in relation to the matters set out in this letter, please contact airportsandports@acc.gov.au or Melissa Baker on (07) 4729 2605.

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I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GKleiner', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gennady Kleiner
Director
Airports & Ports

Encl. Attachment 1 – Container stevedoring monitoring report 2022-23 industry participant survey