

Navigating our Port Futures: The Victorian Commercial Ports Strategy released

On 21 July 2022, Minister for Ports and Freight, the Hon Melissa Horne MP released *Navigating our Port Futures: The Victorian Commercial Ports Strategy*.

Victoria's commercial ports are critical to the state's prosperity and with freight volumes expected to more than double by 2050, the importance of our ports will only grow.

Navigating our Port Futures has been developed as a key response to the 2020 Independent Review of the Victorian Ports System, actioning the industry desire for a state-wide vision for the sector.

The strategy is the Victorian Government's 30-year vision and action plan to position our ports system to grow and thrive, ensuring our commercial ports continue to be responsive and resilient to change, providing efficient market access to support the economic and social wellbeing of all Victorians.

Navigating our Port Futures is supported by four strategic objectives and associated priority actions that will guide the state's action over the next five years. Objectives and actions will be reviewed and updated every five years over the 30-year horizon of the strategy.

The strategy's objectives are for a ports system that is:

- responsive to market demands
- well planned, balancing both industry and community needs
- efficient, productive and resilient in a changing global environment
- safe, and operated with clear roles and responsibilities.

This strategy confirms the role of the Victorian Government in setting the strategic framework for the port sector as a whole and puts in place a pathway for the future of the industry.

For more information, visit the [Department of Transport website](#).

Foot and mouth disease: latest advice

Indonesia is currently responding to widespread detections of both foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease.

These diseases are exotic to Australia and an incursion of either virus into Australia would result in significant animal health and trade issues. Fortunately, they are not a public health risk.

Early detection is the key to controlling disease and minimising the impacts. Despite the distance between Indonesia and Victoria, all producers and veterinarians should be implementing on-farm biosecurity plans and monitoring their livestock for any unusual signs that might signal the presence of an emergency animal disease.

If you suspect foot and mouth disease or lumpy skin disease, immediately contact the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.

For more information see [Agriculture Victoria webpage](#).