

VICTORIAN COASTAL SHIPPING REVIEW

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Terms of Reference is to set out the framework for the conduct of the Victorian Coastal Shipping Review. It will be a key input to the Victorian Ports Strategy.

BACKGROUND

Despite the significant increase in the Victorian Freight Task in recent years, coastal shipping calls at Victorian ports are declining, consistent with national trends.

The Government believes the decline in coastal shipping has resulted in a greater reliance on road and rail and a commensurate adverse impact on our land transport networks and the cost of goods. The blue highway needs to have the opportunity to compete with other modes and provide the opportunity for a vibrant maritime sector providing job opportunities for Victorian seafaring labour.

SCOPE

The review will consider:

- What the factors are that have led to a reduction in coastal shipping in Victoria
- Whether cross-jurisdictional differences are leading to a decline in the Victorian coastal shipping task
- What opportunities exist for coastal shipping to provide a greater contribution to the Victorian freight task by reducing road and rail congestion and managing future freight demand
- Whether changes are required to Victorian legislation to remove regulatory impediments or reduce costs for coastal shipping
- What other initiatives could be considered to support the expansion of the coastal shipping task
- How greater support can be provided to Victorian seafaring labour
- How the Victorian Government can work with the Commonwealth to improve the national coastal shipping framework

SUBMISSIONS TO THE REVIEW

Interested parties are invited to make a submission at <https://transport.vic.gov.au/ports-and-freight/key-freight-projects#shipping-reform>.

Submissions will be received until 5pm on **Friday 26 July 2019**.

Submissions will be made public unless otherwise requested. Parties who wish to discuss their submission in person should request a meeting with Garry Button, CEO Freight Victoria when making a submission.

REPORTING AND TIMING

Freight Victoria will provide a report to the Minister for Ports and Freight after reviewing the submissions received. The recommendations in the report will be reviewed by the Government and approved policy positions incorporated into the Victorian Ports Strategy.