

Planned Svitzer Lockout – 18th November 2022

Dear Clients,

We wanted to provide you with an update regarding the planned Svitzer lockout.

Svitzer is Australia's largest tugboat operator. No cargo vessels can berth or depart without a tugboat.

On Friday 18th November, there is a planned strike of Svitzer workers.

This means that no vessel will be towed in or out of any Australian port serviced by Svitzer (which included ALL major ports).

The Fair Work Commission (FWC) issued a statement and directions late yesterday listing a hearing to decide whether to suspend or terminate protected industrial action by Svitzer. The FWC hearing was slated to start today at 1200 AEST, we are yet to hear the outcome of this meeting between all three parties – The outcome will be broadcast through the usual media outlets once known.

It is unclear to anyone if the strike/lockout will go ahead at this stage, but we will keep you advised of any further developments as they come to hand.

We will endeavour to do our best to keep to delivery schedules, however, if this strike goes ahead, it is obviously out of our control and will affect all FCL and LCL deliveries for weeks to come.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this difficult period.

The AUSCUS Team