

**UPDATE: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Planned Svitzer Lockout CANCELLED**

Dear Clients,

Please note the following update:

The planned Svitzer lockout has been cancelled for the time being.

At this stage port operations and shipping movements will continue as normal.

As always, we appreciate your support and understanding during this busy time of year.

The AUSCUS Team

Dear Louise

## **Svitzer announces indefinite lockout - Update**

Update - The Svitzer lockout is still scheduled from 1200 AEDT this Friday (18 November). Further to yesterday's statement from Svitzer's managing director, Nicolaj Noes, the MUA national secretary Paddy Crumlin said "Svitzer's workers have continued to turn up, work hard and contribute not only to the massive profitability of this successful company but save lives and protect Australia's coastline during daring rescues of stricken cargo ships". MUA assistant national secretary Jamie Newlyn said by locking out its maritime workers, Svitzer would "wreck Australia's productivity [and] prevent consumer goods and bulk commodities being loaded or discharged at major ports like Botany, Kembla, Melbourne, Newcastle and Brisbane".

The AIMPE (Engineers union) federal secretary Martin Byrne said "Just a few short months ago the nation lauded the tug crews as heroes for their actions in saving the Portland Bay and its crew from being smashed against the rocks. Now there will be no Svitzer crews available to respond to similar circumstances," Mr Byrne said.

In January this year, Svitzer Australia applied to the Fair Work Commission to terminate the enterprise bargaining agreement. A hearing at the Fair Work Commission was scheduled for 8 August however, the commission postponed the hearings until 8 December and February 2023.

For more information, please [Read More](#).

Kind Regards,

**IFCBAA Team**