



## Stockwell International News Alert

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### Terminal Charge Increases

As per our last news alert, we have received confirmation from Australian stevedores that various terminal infrastructure charges and vehicle booking fees will be increasing, effective 1st January 2020. As stated in the below article, the ACCC are currently investigating some of these increases, however these will still stand until the investigation is over. Unfortunately, Stockwell's will not be able to absorb these costs and we will need to pass this to our clients. Please see a complete list of updated rates below for each State;

Port	Wharf Booking Fee (WBF)	Infrastructure Fee	Empty Booking Fee (EBF)	Weighbridge Fee	Sideloader Fee	Dehire Fee (Fremantle Only)
Brisbane	\$ 35.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Sydney	\$ 35.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Melbourne	\$ 35.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fremantle	\$ 35.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ -
Adelaide	\$ 35.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	-	\$ 100.00

### ACCC Investigate Stevedores Over Infrastructure Surcharges

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) highlights for the second year in a row significant regulatory issues surrounding stevedore's unilateral and uncontrolled use of infrastructure surcharges on container trucking and rail providers.

The ACCC foresees port users continuing to be subject to increasing infrastructure charges, with Hutchison increasing its charges in Sydney in November and DP World increasing charges at all its terminals from January 2020.

The Transport Worker's Union (TWU) has taken a stand, accusing the stevedores of "heaping financial pressure on transport companies and putting safety at risk", pointing to the ACCC report showing stevedore revenues generated by access fees rising 63 per cent to \$167 million in 2018/19.

The full article can be accessed [here](#).



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