

## Inquiry into Port of Melbourne compliance with the pricing order 2021

### Submission received through Engage Victoria

From 10 June 2021, we began accepting submissions to our inquiry into Port of Melbourne's compliance with the pricing order 2021 via Engage Victoria ([www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au)). On this website, interested parties were given the opportunity to provide general comments and/or answer our consultation questions on Port of Melbourne's compliance with the pricing over the five years from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2021.

Only consultation questions with a response are included.

**Date submitted: 18 August 2021**

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#### General comments

Butler Freight Services Pty Ltd are a privately owned wharf transport business operating 24 hours a day through the terminals located in the Port of Melbourne.

We have on a number of occasions been involved in PoM presentations, freight strategies and industry presentations and have found the executive within the PoM to be upfront, honest and extremely generous with their time.

We have recently leased land within the Port precinct (Coode Road) and found all staff dealt with from PoM to be professional, communicative and easy to work with.

Having been involved in wharf logistics for over 20 years, from a port user and lessee perspective I would congratulate the PoM on their performance.

#### Consultation questions

1. Do you think Port of Melbourne has complied with the pricing regulations over the last five years?

Yes

2. Has Port of Melbourne charged you prices in accordance with its reference tariff schedule since July 2016?

Yes

3. Do you think Port of Melbourne has made prudent and efficient investments in its port infrastructure over the last five years?

Yes

4. What do you think of Port of Melbourne's rate of return on its investments over the last five years?

Adequate for the level of investment and risk undertaken.

5. Did Port of Melbourne consult with you in the development of its prices and/or services between July 2016 and June 2021?

No.

As a port user we would not need to be consulted in relation to pricing.

6. Are there any other matters we should be aware of in assessing the Port's compliance with the pricing order?

No