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Industry Notice

AAT introduces priority berthing window for Swire PIS and PNG service at Fisherman Islands Berths 1-3.

On 19 April 2023, AAT will launch a new fixed day berthing window (FDW) at AAT's Fisherman Islands facility for Swire container services.

The revised FDW arrangements form only part of AAT's overall strategic planning to improve efficiency through the terminal. Swire vessels are planned to berth every Wednesday at 1400hrs. The key advantages to terminal operations that benefit all users are;

1. The introduction of the Swire FDW will reduce the number of vessel calls to one per week (alternating PIS and PNG Service).
2. Swire will increase the productivity of their vessels alongside by planning vessels to work simultaneous two-crane operations and utilizing the twin lift capability of AAT's cranes, this will reduce the overall dwell time of Swire vessels alongside.
3. A regular weekly service will result in container volumes having consistent and steady receipt and delivery periods, allowing AAT to better manage R&D truck turnaround times, equipment, and yard planning, and coordinating CAL inspections.
4. The Swire FDW window will provide more visibility for other container shipping lines and allow them to schedule their vessels around the Swire FDW.
5. AAT will invest in a new Liebherr 550, 144t capacity portal rail mounted crane (sister to the existing portal crane) and continue investing in container handling equipment, which will benefit existing container customers. The addition of this Liebherr 550 crane to the AAT fleet will provide clients a dual lift capacity of 230t, ideal for heavy lift and project cargoes.
6. The aging Deer Park crane will be decommissioned prior to the arrival of the new Liebherr 550.

The FDW does not apply to the Swire Bulk service. AAT has the support of the Port of Brisbane for the FDW, and container trades are outside the scope of the AAT Undertaking.

As mentioned earlier this is only part of AAT's strategy to improve services. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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