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# **Melbourne International RoRo & Auto Terminal Pty Ltd**

**Independent Price Expert Determination  
by Dr John Fallon**

**As required by**

**Schedule 6 of Undertaking to the Australian  
Competition and Consumer Commission**

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## **INDEPENDENT PRICE EXPERT DETERMINATION**

### **MIRRAT 2021-22 Proposed Price Increase for Reference Tariffs**

This Determination has been made pursuant to Schedule 6 of the Undertaking to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission given under section 87B of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) by Melbourne International RoRo & Auto Terminal Pty Ltd ACN 163 814 364.

On 30 April 2021, MIRRAT notified terminal users of proposed tariff increases to apply from 1 July 2021. One objection from a terminal user, Qube Ports Pty Ltd, was received within the time period allowed by the Undertaking. I also acknowledge an objection received from the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Schedule 6 of the undertaking specifies:

- Clause 3.3 (f) The Independent Price Expert's decision is final and binding.
- Clause 3.3 (g) When making a determination under this clause 3.3, the Independent Price Expert is acting as an expert and not an arbitrator.
- Clause 3.5(a) The Independent Expert must notify (i) MIRRAT, and (ii) any party that lodged an Objection Notice in relation to the proposed price increase of his or her determination under clause 3.3 (a)(ii) as soon as practicable after making the determination.
- Clause 3.4 (c) The cost of the expert determination will be shared equally between MIRRAT and the Terminal User, unless the Independent Expert determines or the parties otherwise agree.

## **DETERMINATION**

I have determined that the proposed reference tariff increases for FAC, SAC, R&D and all other services for MIRRAT's published tariffs, as notified by MIRRAT on 30 April 2021, are not reasonable and appropriate having regard to the principles listed in clause 3.4, Schedule 6 of the Undertaking. I have varied MIRRAT's proposed price increases for each reference tariff in accordance with clauses 3.3 and 3.4 of Schedule 6 of the Undertaking.

MIRRAT has proposed price increases of 2% for the stevedore access charge (SAC) and 5% for the Facility Access charge (FAC), Reveal and delivery (R&D) charge and charges for all other services.

My determination is for a 4.3% increase in the FAC and a 1.5% increase for each of the SAC, R&D and all other reference tariffs.

The existing tariffs, MIRRAT's proposed tariffs and the determination for the three reference tariffs for the main cargo types are set out in the table below.

**Tariffs for main cargo types – MIRRAT proposal and Independent Price Expert Determination for 2021-2022**

Cargo type	FAC	SAC	R&D
<b>Wheeled vehicles</b>			
Existing charge	\$3.47 per cbm	\$13.65 per unit	NA
Proposed by MIRRAT for 2021-22	\$3.64 per cbm +5%	\$13.92 per unit +2%	NA
<b>Determination for 2021-22</b>	<b>\$3.62 per cbm</b> <b>+4.3%</b>	<b>\$13.85 per unit</b> <b>+1.5%</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>BBulk/General</b>			
Existing charge	\$7.23 per r/t	\$4.02 per r/t	\$5.51 per r/t
Proposed by MIRRAT for 2021-22	\$7.59 per r/t +5%	\$4.10 per r/t +2%	\$5.79 per r/t +5%
<b>Determination for 2021-22</b>	<b>\$7.54 per r/t</b> <b>+4.3%</b>	<b>\$4.08 per r/t</b> <b>+1.5%</b>	<b>\$5.59 per r/t</b> <b>+1.5%</b>

cbm cubic metre

r/t revenue tonne

NA not applicable