

AMIC Waterfront Industrial Action Survey Report

Introduction

AMIC conducted a member survey into the impact of current waterfront industrial action (WIA) on the red meat industry. The survey was released to members on 25 November 2021 and was closed on 3 December 2021. The results in this survey are representative of AMIC's export membership.

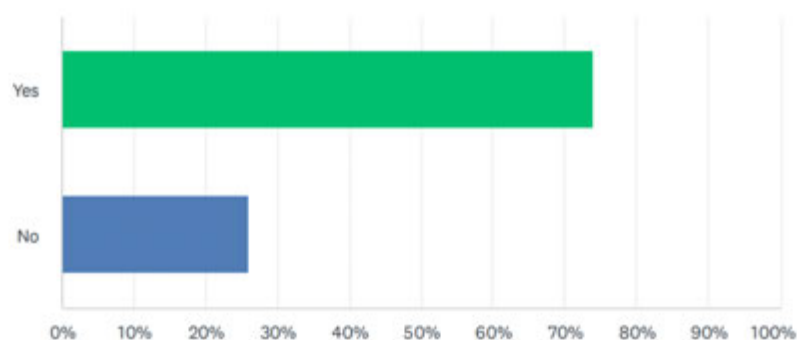
The survey aimed to assist in gauging the effect of protracted waterfront industrial action occurring at Australian ports on the businesses and customers of the Australian red meat sector.

Key Outcomes

- Approximately 74% of respondents confirmed that their businesses had been negatively impacted by recent WIA¹.
- Most respondents reported that approximately a quarter of their exports were being affected and a quarter of their shipments were needing to be rescheduled because of WIA.
- The Port of Sydney was the port most affected by WIA.
- Approximately 92% of respondents reported that their businesses had encountered increased handling costs due to outcomes caused by WIA.
- All respondents reported that their businesses had felt a decline in customer confidence in the reliability to deliver to global markets on time.
- All respondents reported that they felt that future business opportunities would be missed in part due to outcomes caused by the WIA.

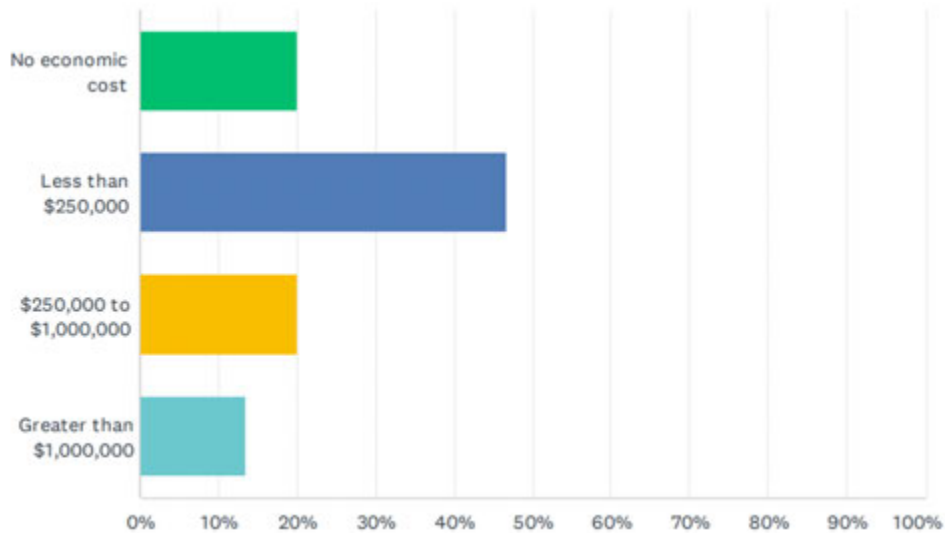
Results

Q1 Has your business been negatively impacted to any degree by recent waterfront industrial action?

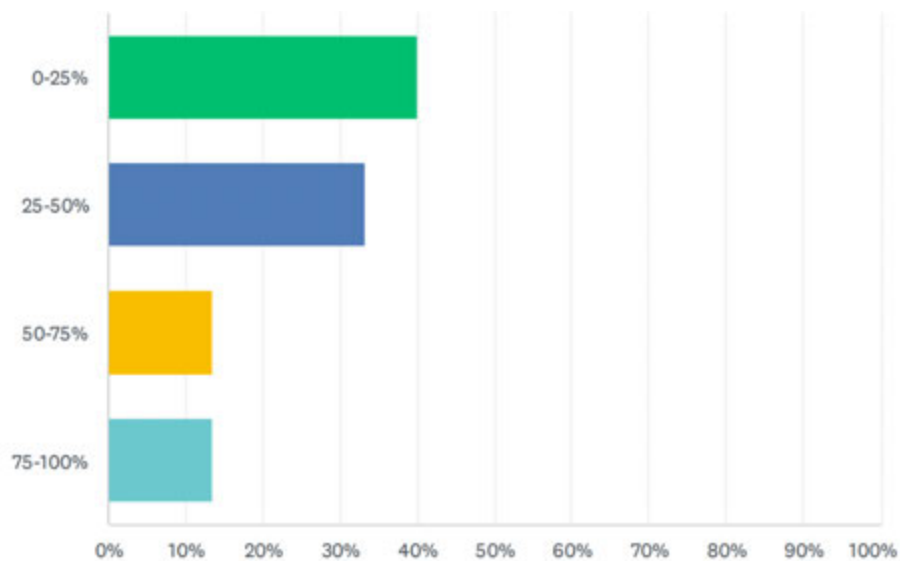


¹ Those who responded 'No' to Question 1, did not completed the rest of the survey.

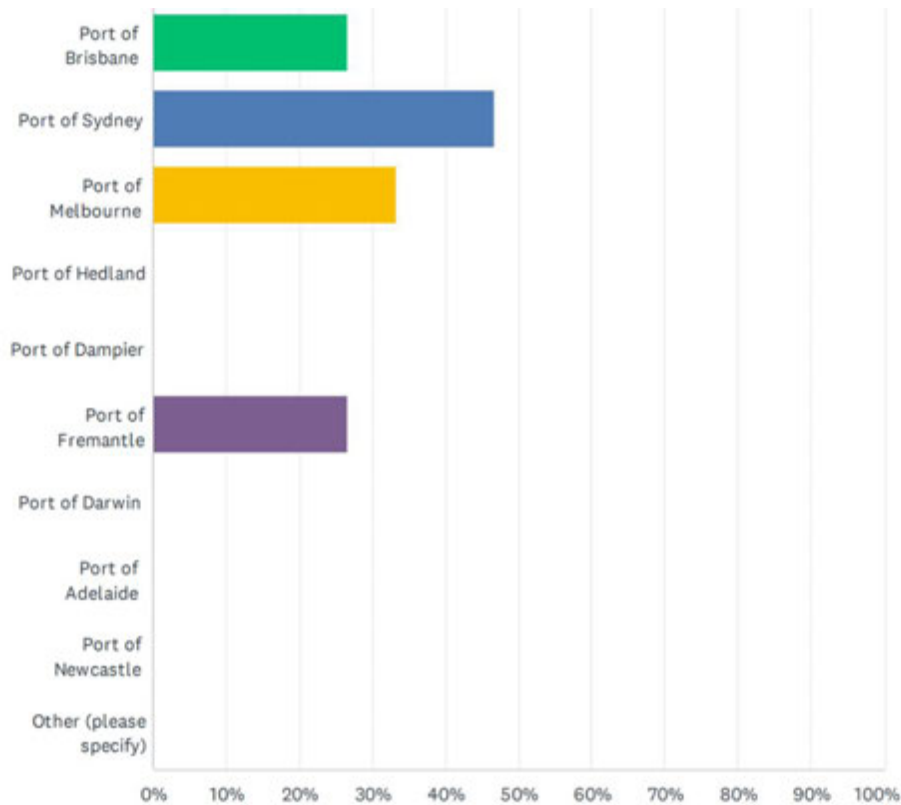
Q2 If your business has encountered economic loss in the past 12 months due to industrial action at Australian ports, please indicate to what degree.



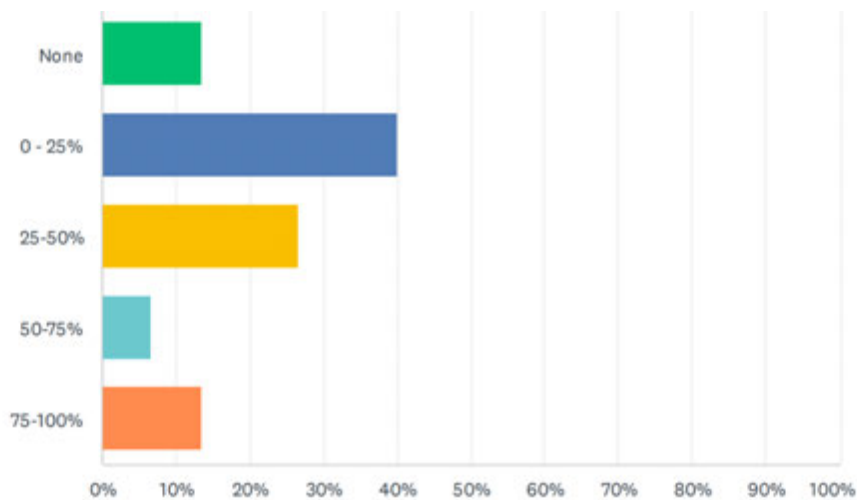
Q3 In general, what percentage of your exports have been affected by waterfront industrial action?



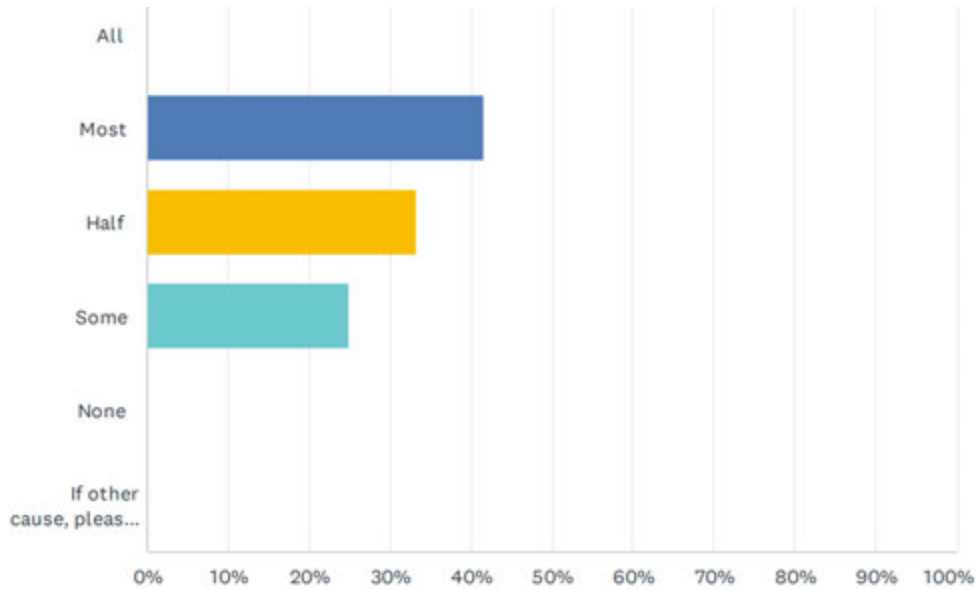
Q4 At which ports are you experiencing the impacts of waterfront industrial action?



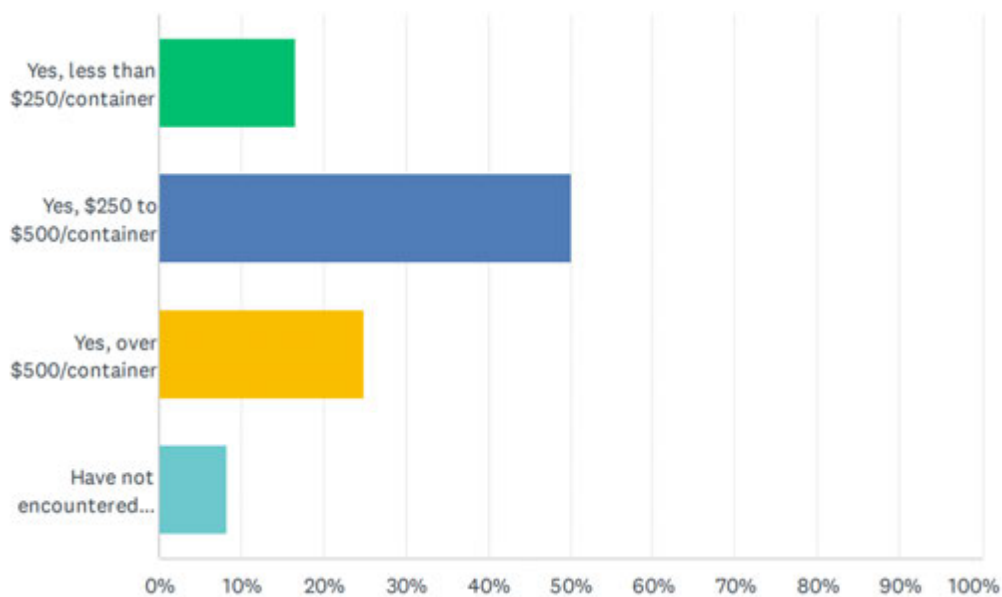
Q5 What percentage of your shipments are needing to be rescheduled at these ports?



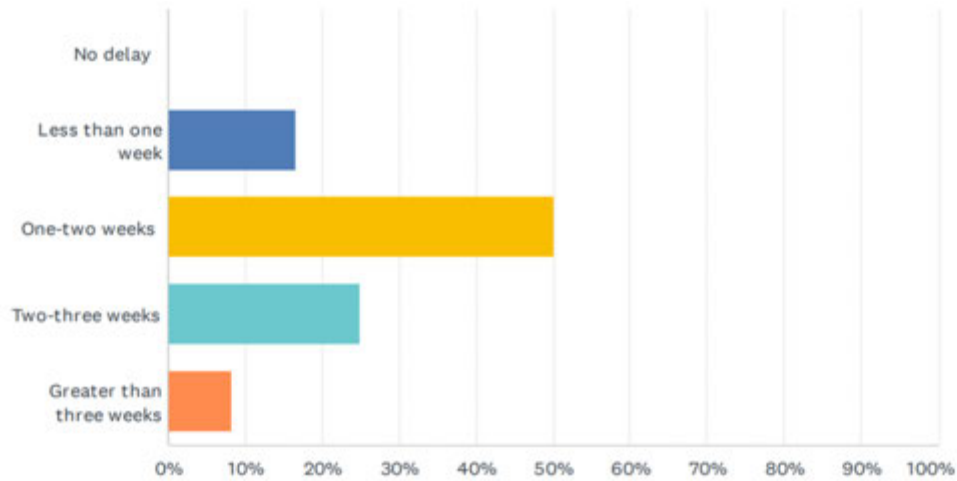
Q6 How many of your rescheduled shipments are caused by waterfront industrial action related outcomes (such as port omissions and changing container receival windows)?



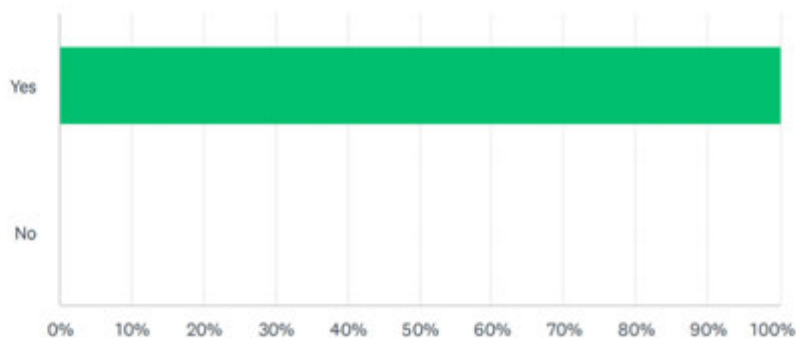
Q7 Has your business encountered increased handling costs in part due to outcomes caused by industrial action on Australian ports?



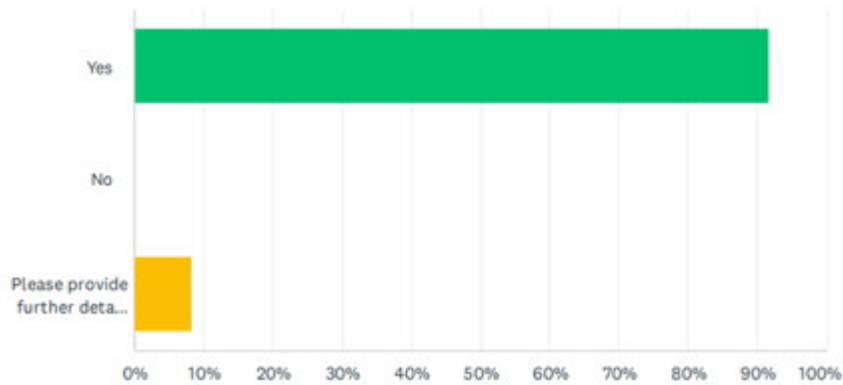
Q8 If your business has experienced delays getting product onto vessels due to outcomes caused by waterfront industrial action, please indicate to what extent.



Q9 Has your business felt a decline in customer confidence in the reliability of Australia to deliver to global markets on time?



Q10 Does your company feel that future business opportunities will be missed in part due to outcomes caused by industrial action on Australian ports?



Q11 What is your business doing to address the impact of waterfront industrial action?

1. Looking for options.
2. Moving more from chilled to frozen product.
3. Working closely with shipping lines to try and mitigate delays/ issues where possible. Lobbying with Government Officials to assist.
4. Spending a heap more money using storage containers park in Fremantle.
5. There is not a lot we can do!
6. Letters and phone calls to politicians.
7. Biggest single expense is for Export Container storage due to; vessel delays; lack of bookings/plugs available on vessels due to reduced vessel calls.
8. Lobbying industry associations and government for assistance.
9. We have no options.
10. Sending product by Air and asking customer to order well in advance.
11. We are working with AMIC, Government and Stakeholders for action.
12. N/A.