

17th January 2025

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to inform you that the waiting time for vessels to berth in Fremantle has been increasing over time. Several factors contribute to these delays, primarily:

- Labour shortages
- Protected Industrial Action (PIA) - Ongoing industrial action and strikes
- Insufficient space alongside the wharf

Notably, the lack of space alongside the wharf has been exacerbated by the absence of upgrades to the Fremantle wharf. While physical space for the vessel to berth may be available, the aforementioned factors often result in cargo remaining stagnant on the wharf, precluding the accommodation of additional cargoes.

Furthermore, the limited upgrading of the Fremantle wharf restricts ASC Liner Services to berthing exclusively at berths 11 and 12. This limitation reduces our opportunities for timely berthing.

The cumulative effect of these delays typically results in waiting times ranging from 3 to 10 days.

For illustration, our current voyage, AL2407, has experienced significant delays. The MV ASC Lotti arrived at Fremantle on 12 January 2025 and is expected to berth on 18th January 2025. This results in a total waiting time of approximately 6 days at Fremantle.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Montana Hermes, Liner Manager
ASC Liner Services Pte. Ltd.