



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Quarterly Delegate Decisions *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*

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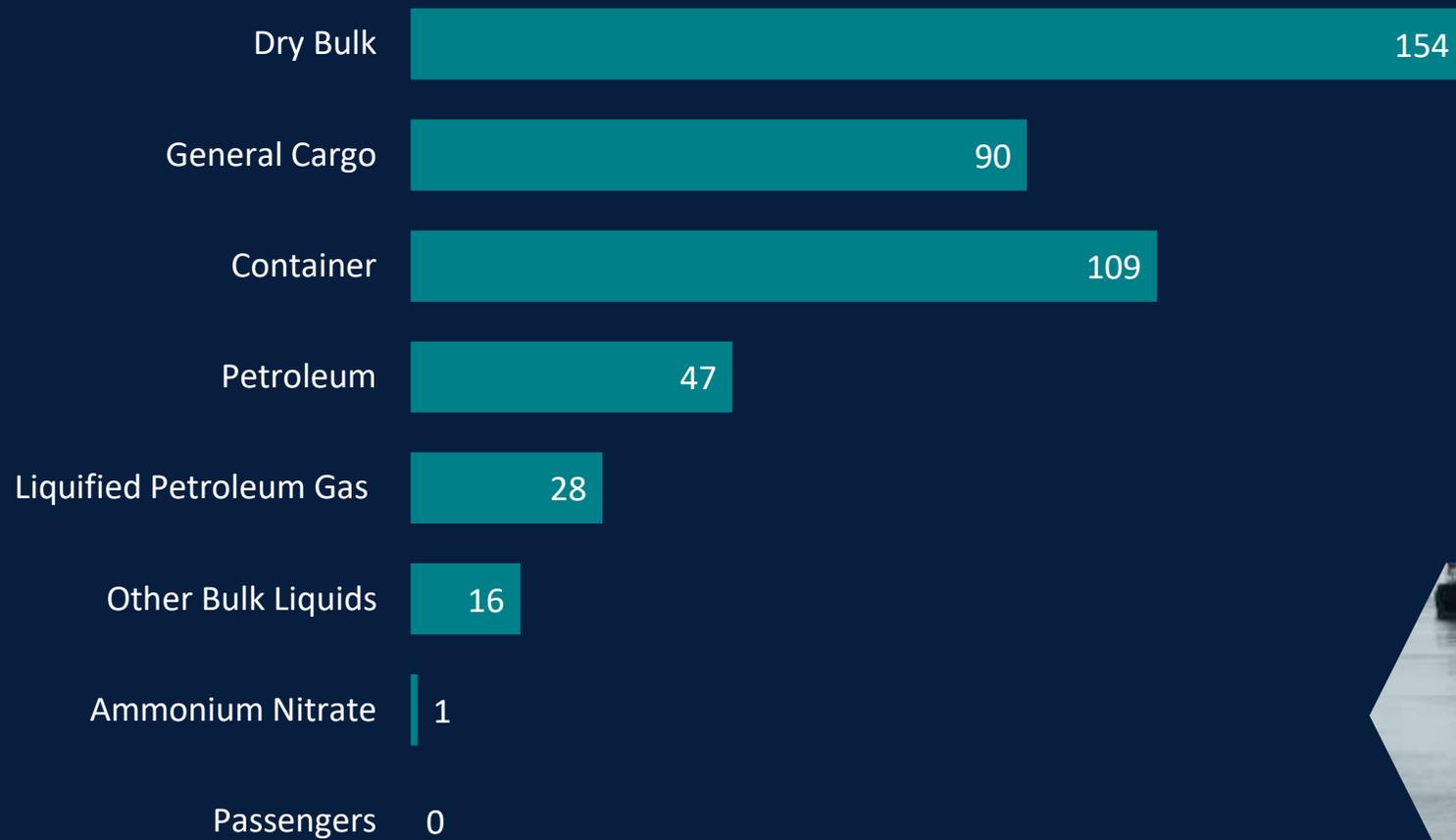
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| <i>Application Type</i> | <i>Applications Approved</i> | <i>Applications Refused</i> | <i>Notices in Response</i> | <i>Applications Withdrawn</i> |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Licence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary Licence | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary Licence (<i>New Matters</i>) | 86 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Temporary Licence (<i>Authorised Matters</i>) | 149 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Temporary Licence (<i>Energy/Security</i>) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

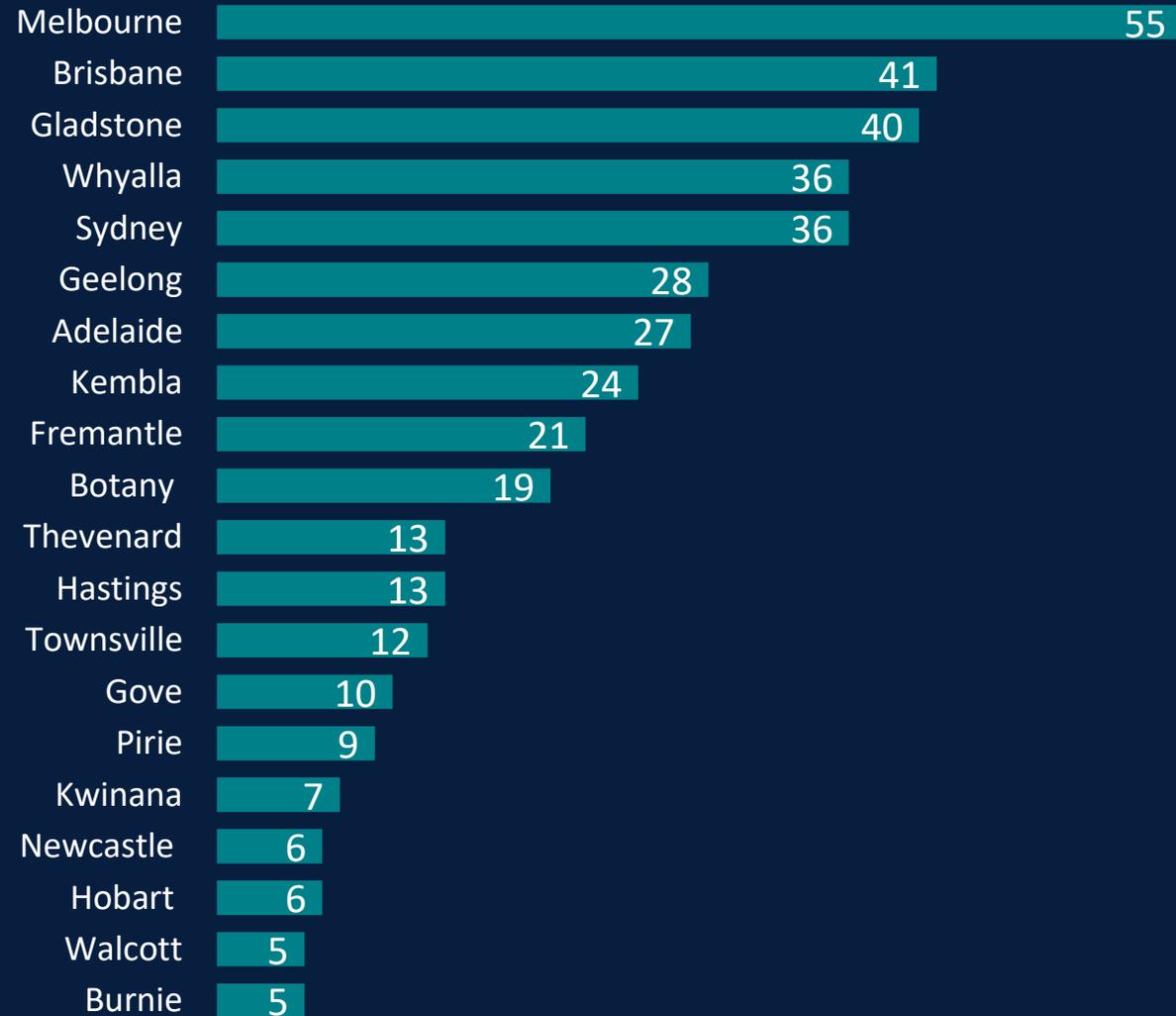
The Department also received 15 section 12 declarations, with 2 declarations withdrawn.



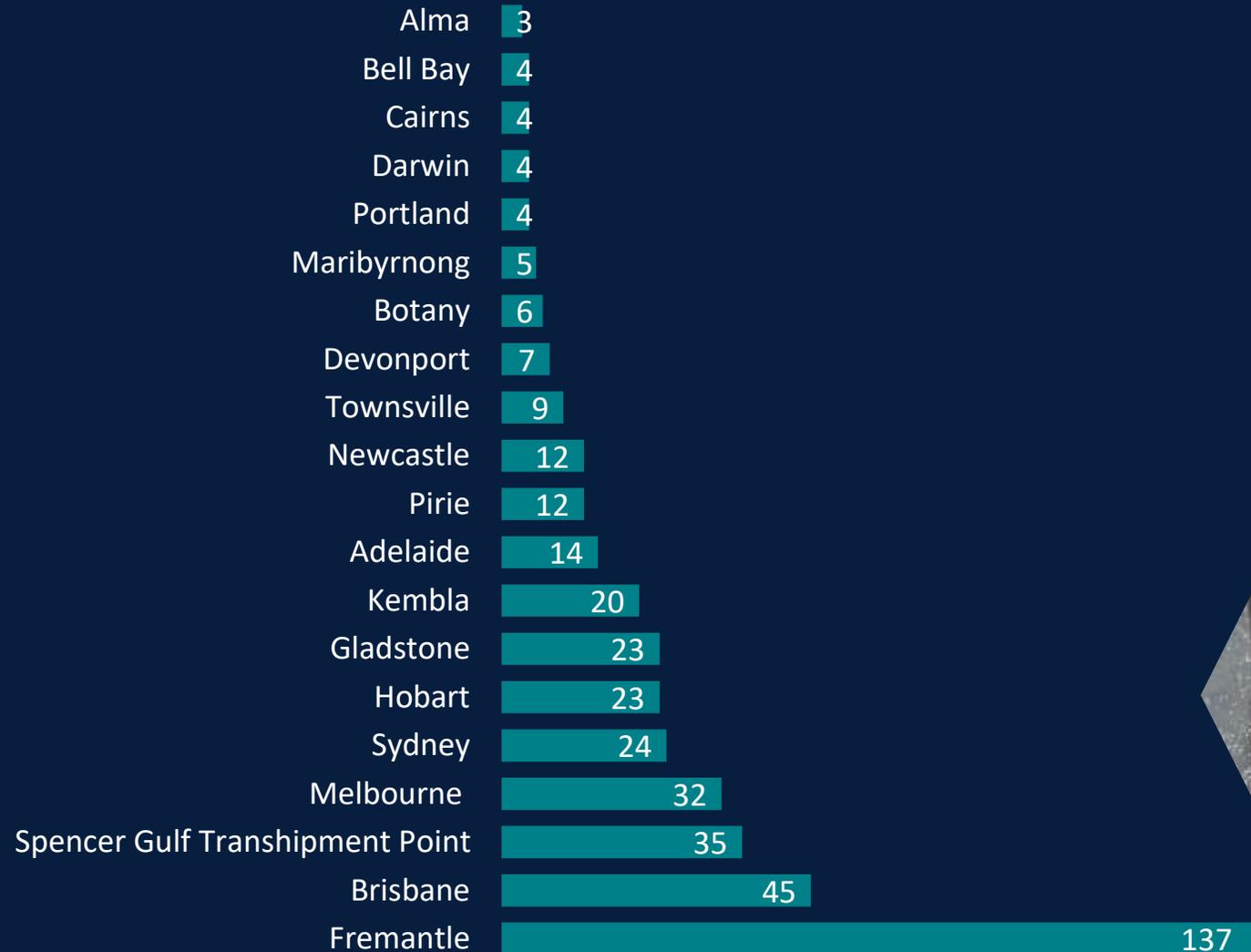
Temporary Licence Voyages Completed by Cargo - April to June 2025



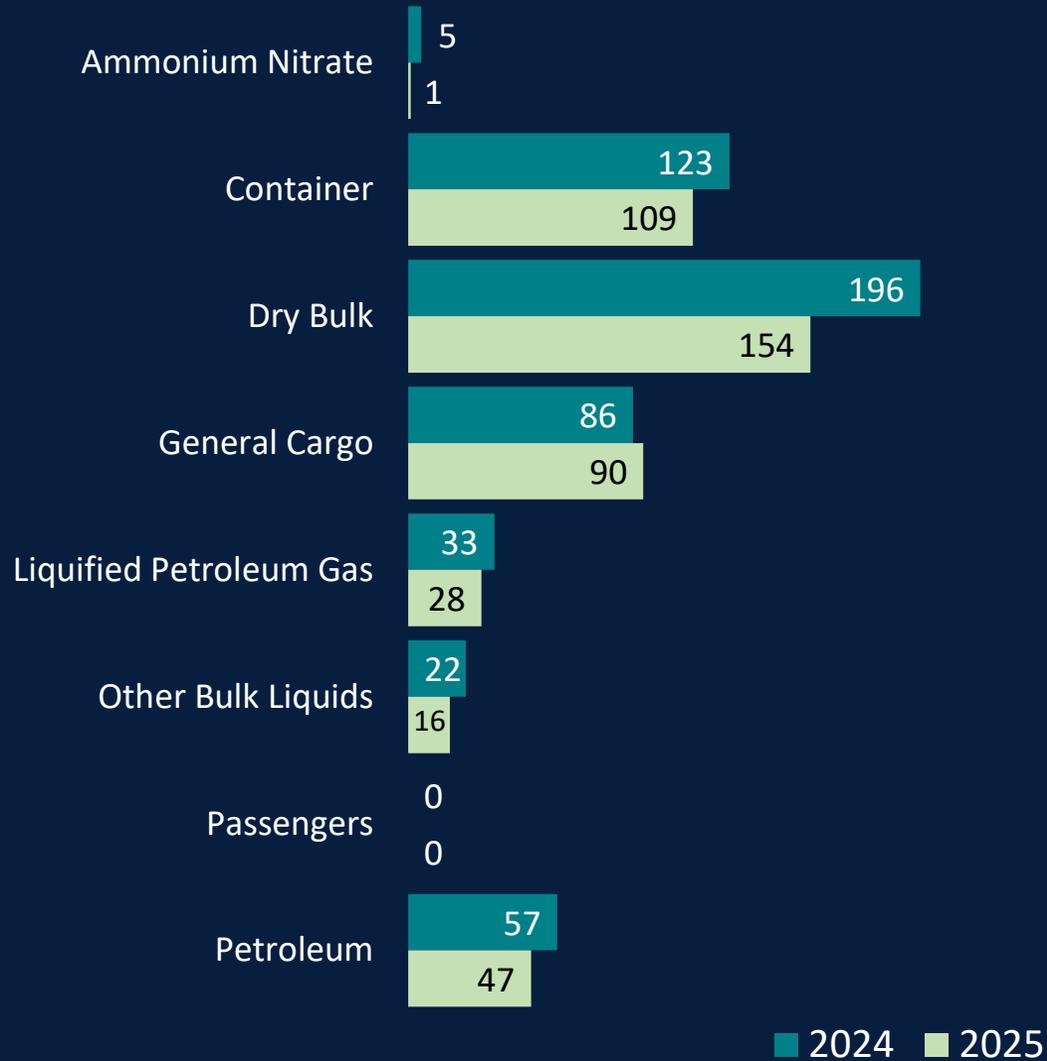
Temporary Licence Voyage Load Ports - April to June 2025 (top 20)



Temporary Licence Voyage Discharge Ports - April to June 2025 (top 20)



Temporary Licence Usage (by Cargo) – April to June 2024 vs April to June 2025



General Licence Vessels (Major Trading Fleet)

| <i>Vessel Name</i> | <i>General Licence Holder</i> | <i>Vessel Type</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Donnacona | CSL Australia | Self-Discharging Bulk Carrier |
| Goliath | CSL Australia | Cement Carrier |
| Tasmanian Achiever II | Strait Link QS Pty Ltd | Ro-Ro Cargo Ship |
| Victorian Reliance II | Strait Link QS Pty Ltd | Ro-Ro Cargo Ship |
| MV Liekut | SeaRoad Shipping Pty Ltd | Ro-Ro Cargo Ship |
| Accolade II | Inco Ships | Limestone Carrier |
| Searoad Mersey II | SeaRoad Shipping Pty Ltd | Ro-Ro Cargo Ship |
| Spirit of Tasmania I | TT Line Company Pty Ltd | Passenger/Ro-Ro Ship |
| Spirit of Tasmania II | TT Line Company Pty Ltd | Passenger/Ro-Ro Ship |
| Newcastle Bay | Sea Swift Pty Ltd | General Cargo |
| John Duigan | Polaris Marine | Landing Craft |



Major Passenger Vessels

| <i>Vessel Name</i> | <i>General Licence Holder</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Coral Geographer | Coral Princess Cruises (NQ) Pty Ltd |
| Coral Adventurer | Coral Princess Cruises (NQ) Pty Ltd |
| Coral Discoverer | Coral Princess Cruises (NQ) Pty Ltd |
| True North | North Star Cruises |
| True North II | North Star Cruises |



Objectives

The objectives of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* (Coastal Trading Act) are to provide a regulatory framework for coastal trading in Australia that:

- (a) promotes a viable shipping industry that contributes to the broader Australian economy.
- (b) facilitates the long-term growth of the Australian shipping industry.
- (c) enhances the efficiency and reliability of Australian shipping as part of the national transport system.
- (d) maximises the use of vessels registered in the Australian General Shipping Register in coastal trading.
- (e) promotes competition in coastal trading.
- (f) ensures efficient movement of passengers and cargo between Australian ports.

Source: Section 3 of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012

Licences

The *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* provides for three types of licence: general licences, temporary licences and emergency licences.

A general licence is for Australian General Shipping Register vessels (Australian flagged vessels) and provides unrestricted access to engage in coastal trading in Australian waters for five years.

A temporary licence provides access to engage in coastal trading in Australian waters for foreign-flagged vessels—this licence is valid for 12 months and is limited to the voyages authorised by the licence. Voyages can be amended or added to a temporary licence through new matters, authorised matters or energy security situation variations.

An emergency licence provides access to engage in coastal trading in Australian waters in identified emergency situations – this licence may be granted for up to 30 days.

The definition of coastal trading excludes intrastate trading (movements from a port in a state or territory to another port in the same state or territory). An applicant seeking the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* to apply to a particular vessel that will undertake intrastate trading can apply for a declaration under section 12 of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*.

Under section 11 of the Act, the Minister may exempt certain vessels or persons. The current section 11 exemptions include:

- cruise vessels
- voyages between Norfolk Island and Australian states and territories
- voyages between Christmas Island and Australian states and territories
- voyages between Cocos (Keeling) Island and Australian states and territories

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Considerations for Approval

Depending on the type of licence, in deciding an application, the Minister (or the delegate) may have regard to the following (whether or not the Minister (or delegate) receives a notice in response in relation to the application):

- whether the applicant has previously held, or applied for a licence.
- whether the applicant has previously held a licence that was cancelled.
- whether the applicant has been issued with an infringement notice under this Act.
- the object of the Act.
- any other matters the Minister thinks relevant.

In addition, for temporary licences the Minister may also have regard for:

- if the application relates to cargo and a vessel registered in the Australian International Shipping Register—both:
 - (i) whether the applicant owns the cargo and the vessel; and
 - (ii) whether the cargo is to be carried on the vessel;
- any written comments received by the Minister in relation to the application.
- any report given to the Department by the applicant under section 62.

If the Minister receives one or more notices in response in relation to an application, the Minister must have regard to the following in deciding the application:

- the outcome of negotiations, as notified by the applicant.
- whether, and to what extent, the vessel authorised by the holder's general licence is equipped to carry the passengers or cargo specified in the application.
- whether those passengers or cargo can be carried on the expected loading dates or within 5 days before or after the relevant date.
- if the application relates to the carriage of cargo—the reasonable requirements of a shipper of the kind of cargo specified in the application.

Source: Section 15 of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012

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Grounds for Refusal

In refusing a Temporary Licence, or a variation to a temporary licence, the Minister may have regard to the following.

- The considerations outlined in section 34(2) of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*
- (if a notice in response is received) section 34(3) of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*

Note that section 34(4) of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* requires any refusal to be made within 15 business days after the day the application is made.



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