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## *Current “Issues” being faced by Freight Forwarder’s*

- Container Detention (both Import and Export)
- Transport Efficiency at cargo interfaces
- Peak Pricing Proposal for Sydney Port
- Global Economic Slowdown

## *Impacts on Industry due to Economic Slow Down*

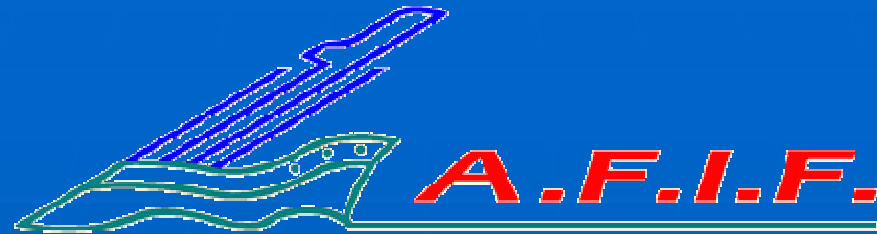
- Decrease in Liner Services to/from Asia into/out of Australia
- Decrease in Number of Vessels transiting Asia-Au Trade Route
- Decrease in Tonnage Capacity in the region
- Quicker vessel turnaround in Port with less cargo
- Potential for earlier availability for Import cargo

## *Results on Industry due to decreasing Services*

- Container equipment stocks reduced due to lower Import Volumes (Especially for Special Equipment / Food Quality / 20' GP)
- Delays in release of equipment for General cargo Exporters and Consolidators (Groupage/NVOCC) - equipment required for Grain and other commodities
- Space tightening for Export cargo (fewer vessel options to load with Consortium adjustments)
- Potential Impacts on Exporters sales and Consolidators shipping regular FAK's
- Pressure on Road Carriers for slots as more Containers become available simultaneously

## *Possible Proposals to assist Industry with CTR turnaround and availability?*

- Prompt dehire to Shipping Line nominated Depot after CTR collection from wharf
- Prompt shipping after collection of Empty for Export Packing (JIT manufacturing or loading)
- Importer's/Exporter's aware of current equipment stocks and plan accordingly



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