

Media Release

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FOI: Daniel Andrews flushes away another \$2.6 million

The facts:

A Freedom of Information search has revealed that Daniel Andrews paid \$2.64 million to 17 workers made redundant from the Port of Hastings Development Authority.

That works out to an average redundancy payment of over \$155,000 per former worker.

The Andrews Government has dumped plans by the Coalition Government to establish a second container port at Hastings.

The Port of Hastings Development Authority would have had a critical role in this project.

Comments attributable to the Shadow Minister for Ports, David Hodgett:

Yesterday we saw reports that Daniel Andrews wasted another \$30 million to not build the East West Link, and today we learn he has spent another \$2.6 million to not build the second container port at Hastings.

Daniel Andrews' weakness is demonstrated by his inability to make up his mind on the second container port - and that is costing Victoria money, jobs and opportunities.

Daniel Andrews has just flushed another \$2.6 million down the toilet because he won't honour his election commitment to build a second container port.

This is money that could have been used to build a brand new ambulance station in a suburb or town that needs one.

These 17 jobs should never have been lost because a second container port is critical for Victoria's economic future.

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