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## SAL deplures walk-out at a Port Botany container terminal

'The forced closure of the Patrick terminal at Port Botany because of unauthorised stop work today is to be deplored' Llew Russell, CEO of Shipping Australia said today.

The morning shift did not turn up for work today and therefore the terminal will be closed from 6AM to 2PM.

'There are currently three vessels alongside and two more are expected at 2PM today but they will have to wait.'

It is understood that illegal industrial action is not even related to Sydney but involves the Patrick Auto Berth and General Division in Brisbane.

'Whilst any action of this nature causes massive disruption, at a time of economic downturn and at a time when the terminal is under severe pressure because of volumes of containers going through, it is even more disruptive then usual' Mr Russell said.

SAL had hoped that such no-notice illegal industrial action on the waterfront was well behind us but that appears not to be the case!

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