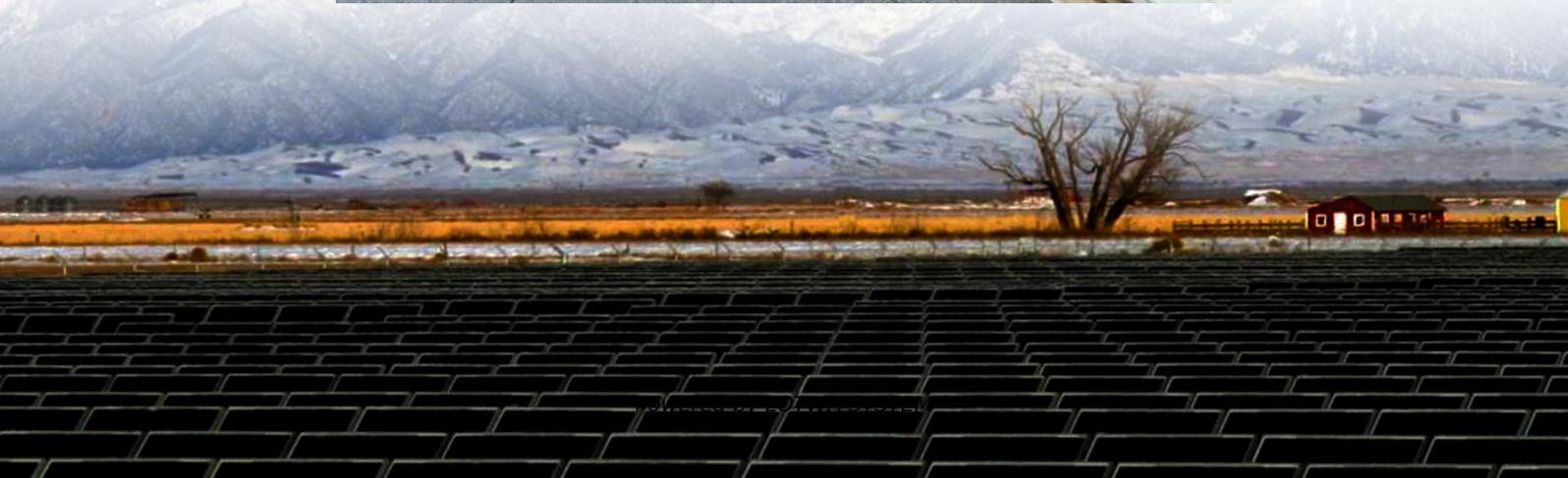


# **Pricing of foldable containers used in Australian ports within the network**





## Overview

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2021 peak: Up to US\$10,000 in major ports. 2024-2025: Roughly US\$4,500-\$6,000. Today container prices have stabilised. Will foldable containers reduce the number of containers handled by Australia?

A simulation for the Port of Melbourne (Australia) demonstrates that using foldable containers would reduce the projected total number of containers handled by the port in 2035 from 7.057 million to 5.817 million, with an 80% decrease in the number of empty containers.

How foldable containers affect the cost of shipping?

Furthermore the use of foldable containers can have significant impact on the cost of shipping. Shipping companies can save the additional costs of handling and carrying empty containers when they call at a port and the additional capacity in the ship can be used for extra cargo.

Do foldable containers reduce container fleet management costs?

The effect of foldable containers on the costs of container fleet management in liner shipping networks. *Maritime Economics & Logistics*. 2012. Vol. 14. No. 4. P. 455-479. DOI: 10.1057/mel.2012.16. Shintani, K. & Konings, R. & Imai, A. Combinable containers: A container innovation to save container fleet and empty container repositioning costs.

Why are shipping containers so popular in Australia?

The availability, versatility and cost-effectiveness of containers has seen a growing number of pragmatic and opportunistic businesses to identify ways to use, convert or sell shipping containers within Australia. The interconnectedness of shipping means that Australian prices largely follow global trends.



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