

Update on Dry Ice for VIC and TAS is as per below

Recently, members have reported challenges with the dry ice supply. NHIA is consistently seeking updates from BOC on the situation. Due to a CO<sub>2</sub> deficit, BOC is currently importing CO<sub>2</sub>. However, they anticipate alleviating this issue by the second quarter of 2024 when their new production facility becomes operational.

### **VIC Supply**

BOC is importing CO<sub>2</sub> from other states which will be ongoing until second quarter 2024. Most non-NHIA customers pay an additional surcharge of minimum \$4/kg. NHIA have been exempt from this charge which is a benefit to members. BOC confirm Dry Ice supply will be limited until second quarter 2024.

### **TAS Supply**

Dry Ice is made in Lutana Tasmania after importing CO<sub>2</sub> from VIC.

- Launceston and Hobart Gas & Gear keep around 200-400kg at a time. The customer has to pickup only.
- There is now a restriction on a vehicle taking Dry Ice. The Dry Ice must be separated from the driver or the Gas and Gear will not allow pick up.
- Hobart – tends to be more available Tuesday to Friday as they get deliveries Tuesdays. (Monday they usually have nothing available).
- North West Coast Tas – 2 stores in South Burnie and Devonport  
To receive dry ice at these locations, there must be a commitment to purchase at least 200kg. If members are interested in sharing, NHIA is willing to facilitate and divide the costs among the members.

Please contact me if this is something that interests you.

There are no issues with supply of CO<sub>2</sub> in other states. Dry ice is readily available in NSW, QA, SA, WA without any issue.

For any queries please contact the NHIA office.