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HY24 Result Presentation - Lindsay Australia Limited

Attached is Lindsay Australia Limited's Results Presentation for the half year ended 31 December 2023.

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# **MARKET OVERVIEW**



Market Overview

- Large fragmented markets (+\$5bn¹)
- Positive market trends underpinning refrigerated freight demand
- Opportunities to capture market share driven by industry consolidation and changing operating conditions
- Long term market conditions positive for scale players with strong balance sheets



Defensive

- Markets demonstrate resilience through cycles with volumes skewed to non-discretionary categories
- Diversified network & portfolio provides protection to adverse weather events and disruptions
- Delivering food and produce is an essential service



<sup>1</sup> Per IBIS World and internal research



## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Road and rail underpin Lindsay's positive first half results.

**OPERATING REVENUE** 

\$417.9m

up 23.9%

**UNDERLYING EBITDA<sup>1</sup>** 

\$52.1m

up 21.7%

**UNDERLYING NPAT<sup>1</sup>** 

\$19.6m

up 13.9%

**NET DEBT<sup>2</sup>** 

\$120.6m

up 12.5%

LTIFR<sup>3</sup>

17.3

up 2.3%

**NET LEVERAGE RATIO<sup>4</sup>** 

1.21x

down 4.9%

ROIC<sup>5</sup>

23.5%

up 14.7%

**UNDERLYING EPS<sup>1</sup>** 

6.3 cps

up 11.3%

HALF YEAR DIVIDEND

2.1 cps

up 10.5%

(HY24 interim 2.1 cps franked, HY23 interim 1.9 cps unfranked) FTEs<sup>6</sup>

1,797

up 18.4%

#### Notes:

<sup>11</sup>Refer to Appendix 1 for reconciliation of underlying figures. Underlying figures exclude the impact of AASB 16 and significant items that are non-recurring or items incurred outside of ordinary operations.

- <sup>2</sup> Net debt excludes property/other lease liabilities recognised with the adoption of AASB 16. Prior corresponding period refers to 30 June 2023.
- <sup>3</sup> Lost Time Injury Frequency Ratio (LTIFR) on a rolling 12-month basis.
- <sup>4</sup> Net Leverage ratio = Net Debt/Underlying EBITDA as at 31 December 2023
- <sup>5</sup> ROIC = Underlying EBIT/ Invested Capital LTM. Invested Capital = Net debt + equity.
- <sup>6</sup> FTE Full-time equivalent employee.





### **SAFETY & SUSTAINABILITY**



Safety & Compliance

- Investment in safety leadership and capability new Head of Safety, Risk and Compliance
- Continuing to build out Lindsay's safety and compliance team to better support operations
- Investing in technology and tools to improve safety outcomes



Sustainability

- Developing an ESG strategy and roadmap to 2030
- Transition to electric material handling fleet underway
- Implementing solar program across Lindsay network
- During the half rail kilometres of 44m exceeded road (+35%), providing 2-3x¹ more carbon efficient freight movements

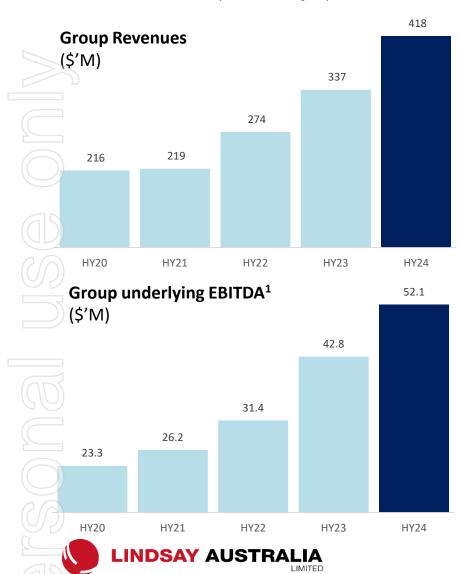
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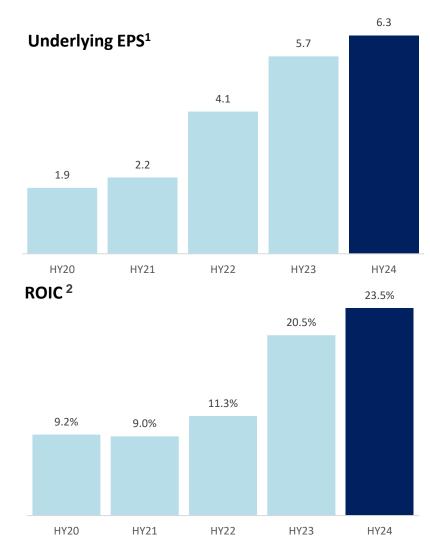
Per Pacific National carbon calculator



### **HY24 KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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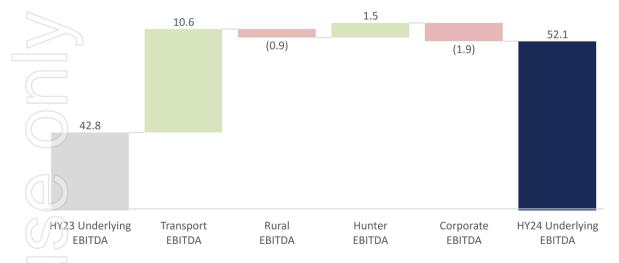


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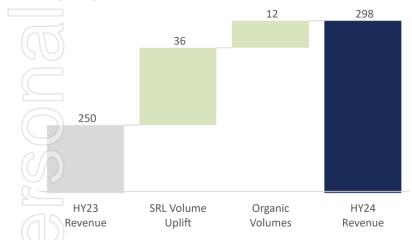
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#### **GROUP PERFORMANCE**

# **HY24 underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> Bridge** (\$'M)



# HY24 Transport Revenue Bridge (\$'M)



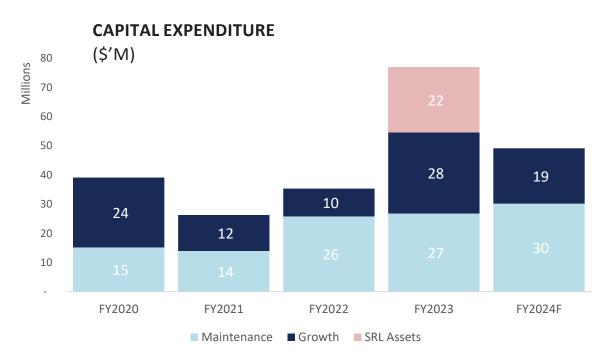
- Transport EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$58.9m up 21.8% on the prior corresponding period (pcp) driven by increased volumes in both road and rail segments, retaining elevated 2H23 volumes and continuing to capture market share.
- Rural EBITDA<sup>1</sup> was down \$0.9m or 17.2% to \$4.1m, impacted by adverse weather events and reduced demand for rural products and services.
- Hunters generated EBITDA¹ of \$1.5m from ~5 months trade, lower than anticipated following persistent wet weather and softer economic conditions. The underlying Hunters business remains of high quality and will continue to play a key role in diversifying and creating value for the Rural business in the long run.
- **Corporate** costs increased \$1.9m as corporate and support functions continue to transform to support the growth of the business.

#### Notes

## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

KEY CAPITAL Items	FY2023 <sup>1</sup> Actual	FY2024F Planned
Prime Movers	\$27.5m	\$15.4m
Reefer Trailers	\$21.0m	\$13.9m
Rail Assets	\$15.2m	\$2.5m
合一合 一自 Facilities	\$3.2m	\$9.9m

- 1H24 Capital plan included \$25.6m in investments across property, plant and equipment.
- FY24 Capital plan rebalanced down to \$49m, from the planned \$59m following efficiency gains, extended life across Transport's fleet and successful integration of SRL assets.
- The rebalance includes upscaled investment in facilities by \$6m in FY24.



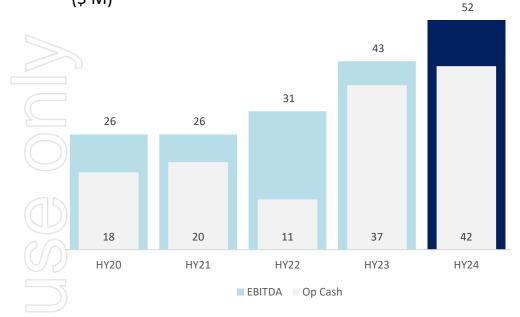


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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FY2023 Key capital items excludes SRL asset purchase.

### **CASH FLOW & BORROWINGS**

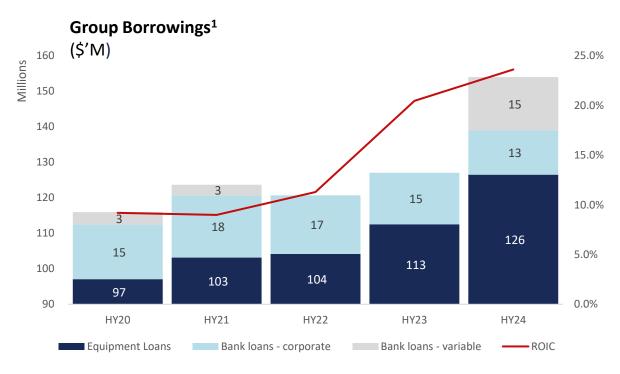
# Operating Cash Flow (\$'M)





Cash Conversion

- Operating cash conversion was 80% (87% pcp), due to working capital fluctuations which are expected to improve in the second half of the year.
- Lindsay will make lower income tax payments for the rest of the year until the FY24 Group tax return is filed in December 2024.
- Post the FY24 tax return the Group will begin to unwind current and deferred tax liabilities of \$36m through accelerated tax payments.



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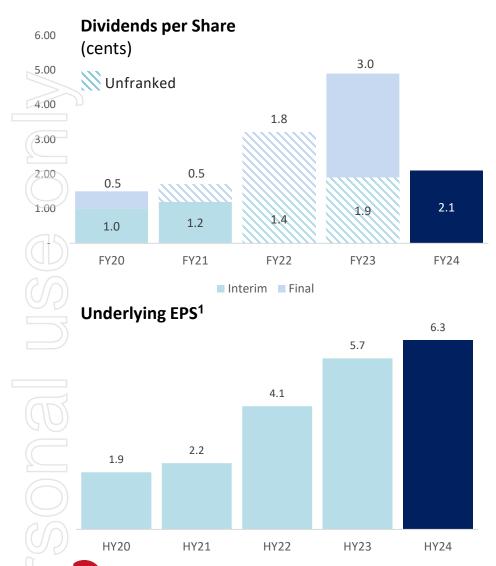
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**Borrowings** 

- Borrowings rose \$27.0m to \$154m including funding \$20m of the SRL asset purchase and \$43.5m in new equipment finance over the past twelve months.
- Earnings drove a 4.9% improvement in net leverage to 1.21x and uplift in ROIC to 23.5% from 20.5% in the pcp
- Strength of balance sheet and borrowing capacity provides flexibility to capitalise on future opportunities.

# **DIVIDENDS**



**LINDSAY AUSTRALIA** 



- Declared interim 2.1 cps dividend (HY24 fully franked, HY23 unfranked)
   up 10.5% on the prior year and a payout ratio<sup>1</sup> of 33% (HY23 33%).
- Future dividends expected to be fully franked.

#### **Capital allocation framework:**





- Sustaining the business including funding on-going maintenance capex requirements
- 2. Growth and transformation initiatives
- 3. Return surplus capital to shareholders, currently through dividends

#### Notes:

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### OUTLOOK



- Expect near term market pressures, but remain confident that long term value of scale, service offering, and expertise is well positioned to succeed through the cycles.
- Intermodal rail capacity increasing with new entrants.
- Anticipate further industry consolidation in both transport and rural sectors.



- In transport, retain elevated volumes and continue to grow organically.
- Regional transport and rural sales may experience lower growth due to the lag effect of wet weather and lighter plantings in some Queensland regions.
- Expect trading conditions in Hunters to progressively return to normal levels.
- Develop targeted transformation opportunities to drive efficiencies.
- On track to deliver FY24 underlying EBITDA c.13% above FY23 record result but at lower end of the guidance range of \$102m- \$108m.

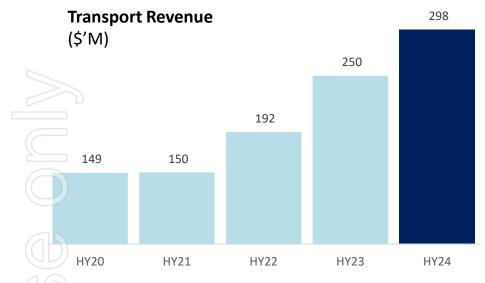




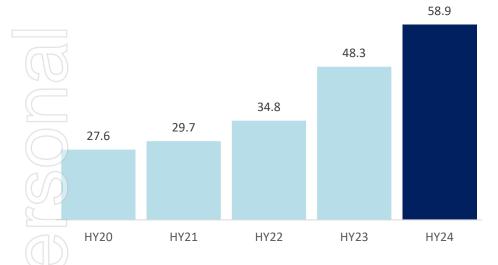




### LINDSAY TRANSPORT



Transport underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> (\$'M)

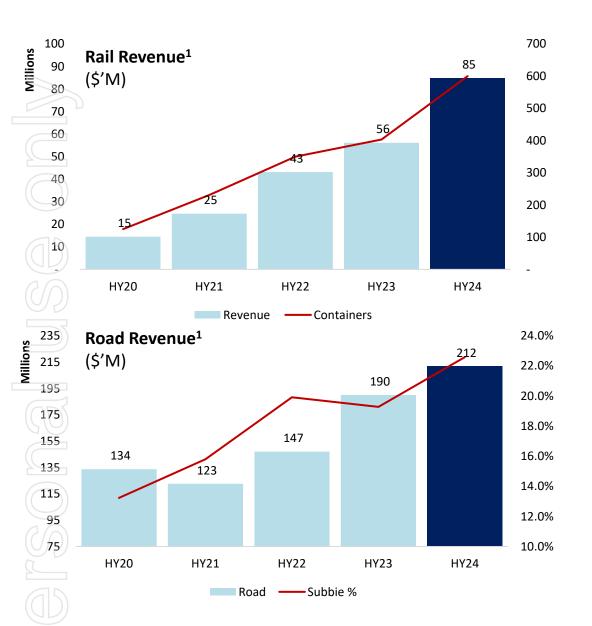




Network & operating resilience

- Revenues grew 19.1% to \$298.3m despite declining fuel prices, network disruptions and uncertain trading conditions, highlighting the resilience in Transport's network and multi modal service offering.
- Growth was supported by the retention of road and rail volumes post SRL's collapse and additional organic growth of 5% on the pcp
- Achieved record EBITDA of \$58.9m (+21.8%) supported by top-line growth and 2.3% margin improvement

### LINDSAY TRANSPORT





#### **Rail division**

- Rail revenue rose 43.5% following the retention of volumes post SRL collapse, organic growth of 10% on the pcp driven by new tender wins and conversion of road to rail freight and an increase in container fleet from 404 to 600
- Entry of new rail operators into the non-bulk intermodal market will continue to support underlying market conditions

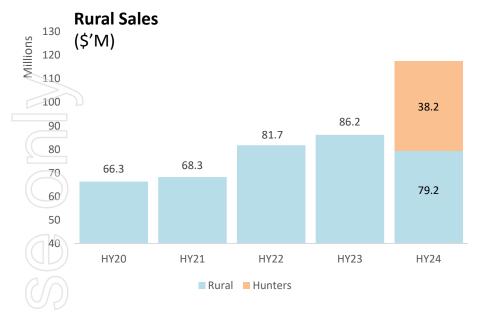


- Road revenues grew 11.4% or \$21.6m driven by similar factors to rail and 5% growth in organic volumes.
- Historically, a large proportion of road revenues have been generated by regional centres, today 55% of road volumes are generated between metro-to-metro movements focusing on fundamentally non-discretionary freight.
- Addition of new facilities will provide opportunities to continue to capture market share

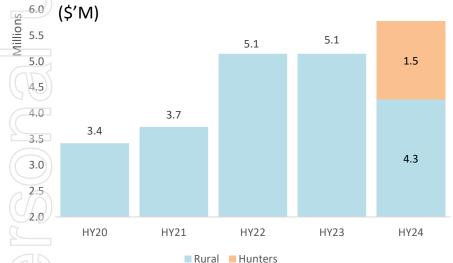
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#### **LINDSAY RURAL & HUNTERS**









- Sales decreased 8.1% or \$6.9m impacted by prolonged wet weather in key horticultural regions and lower realised prices for produce impacting demand for rural products and services
- EBITDA<sup>1</sup> decreased 17.2% continuing to face persistent industry headwinds, increasing
   CODB and recovering from adverse weather events.
- Packaging sales were up \$3.1m on the pcp (25% of total sales) offsetting some pressures
  related to freight charges and inflationary pressures moderating the decline in other
  farm input categories.



- Hunters generated sales of \$38.2m underlying EBITDA was \$1.5m for the first five months, impacted by weaker economic conditions and prolonged wet weather in Victoria.
- Acquisition of Hunters builds on the Group's key initiatives to diversify geographically and providing additional scale to the existing Rural operations.

#### Notes

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**PG 18** 

## **ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION**

**DEPRECIATION**<sup>1</sup> (\$'M)



- In March 2023 Lindsay acquired \$22m of 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand SRL Assets
- A large portion of the assets are being depreciated at accelerated rates due to their age
- As a result, we expect additional depreciation of c.\$5.5m related to the SRL assets in FY24



# **RECONCILIATIONS**

#### **Underlying results**

1H 2024 (\$'000)	EBITDA	EBIT	PBT	NPAT
Statutory Result	59,032	32,094	26,231	18,079
Depreciation right of use properties	(7,107)			
Finance costs right-of-use properties	(2,048)	(2,048)		
AASB 16 profit impact	720	720	720	720
M&A	930	930	930	930
D365	560	560	560	560
Notional Tax				(663)
	52,087	32,256	28,441	19,626
1H 2023 (\$'000)	EBITDA	EBIT	PBT	NPAT
Statutory Result	49,024	28,760	24,050	16,817
Depreciation right of use properties	(5,229)			
Finance costs right-of-use properties	(1,591)	(1,591)		
AASB 16 profit impact	602	602	602	602
Notional Tax				(181)
7	42,806	27,771	24,652	17,238

#### Notes:



Not Powerwings (\$1000)	1H 2024	1H 2023
Net Borrowings (\$'000)		
Reported borrowings	39,059	27,761
Lease liabilities	207,597	174,031
Property lease liabiltiies	(92,692)	(74,787)
Cash	(33,364)	(35,977)
Net Borrowings	120,600	91,028
Underlying EBITDA (LTM)	99,542	71,441
Net Leverage Ratio <sup>1</sup>	1.21	1.27
ROIC (\$'000)	1H 2024	1H 2023
Net Borrowings	120,600	91,028
Equity	145,633	114,780
Invested Capital	266,233	205,808
Underlying EBIT (LTM)	62,607	41,998
ROIC <sup>2</sup>	23.5%	20.5%
EPS (\$'000)	1H 2024	1H 2023
Underlying NPAT	19,626	17,238
Weighted Average SOI	309,435	302,409
EPS <sup>3</sup> (CPS)	6.3	5.7



<sup>1</sup> Net Leverage Ratio = Net Borrowings/Underlying EBITDA

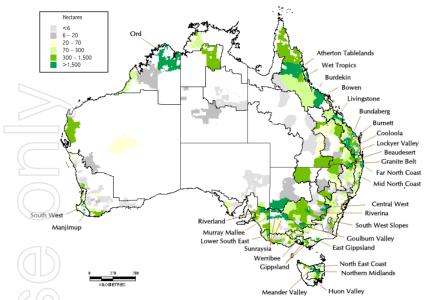
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EPS = Underlying NPAT/Weighted Average Shares On Issues Refer 2024 Half Year Report for full details of underlying adjustments.

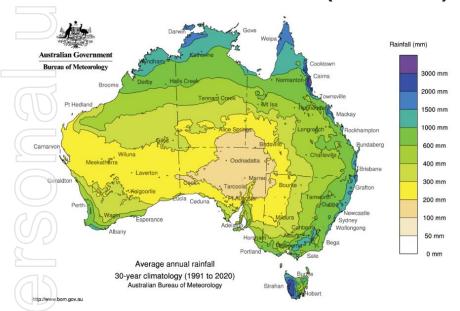


### LINDSAY NETWORK - DIVERSIFYING & BUILDING RESILIENCE

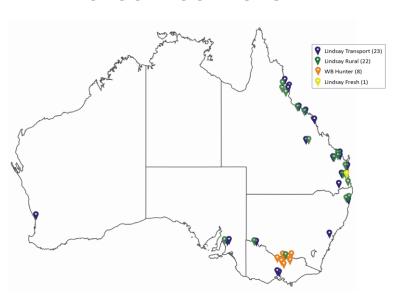
#### **KEY HORTICULTURE REGIONS BY DENSITY**



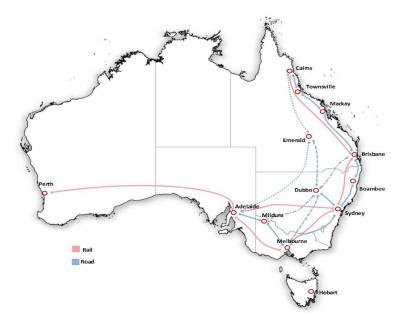
#### **AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL (1991 – 2020)**



#### **GROUP LOCATIONS**



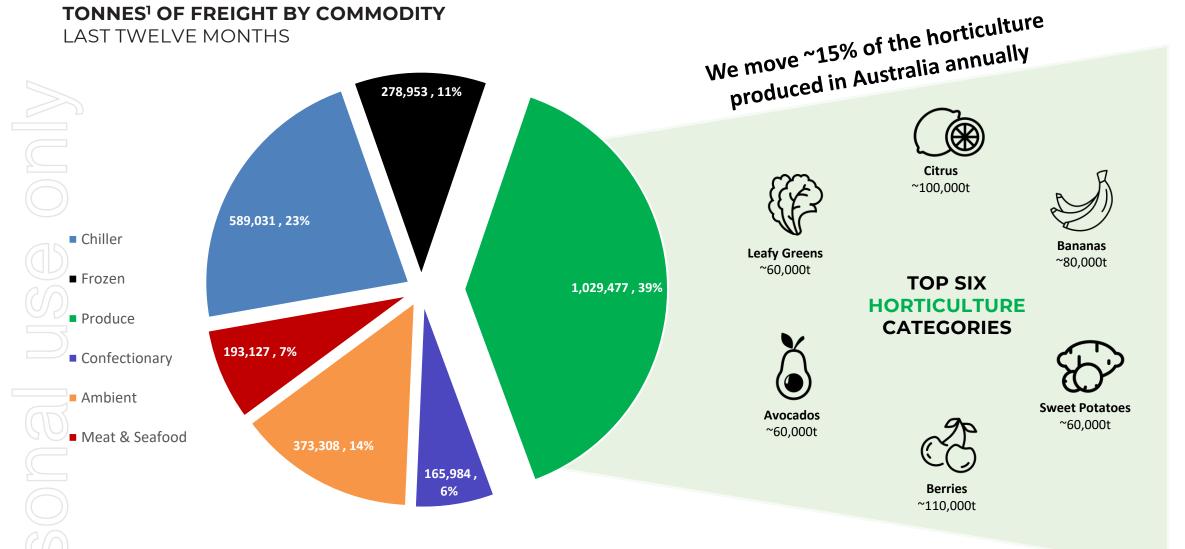
#### **MAJOR FREIGHT LANES**



# **FEEDING THE NATION**

## TONNES<sup>1</sup> OF FREIGHT BY COMMODITY

LAST TWELVE MONTHS





<sup>1</sup> Estimated tonnage moved annually

## **CORPORATE SNAPSHOT**

	ASX:LAU Overview	
_	HY24 revenue	\$417.9m
	HY24 underlying <sup>1</sup> EBITDA	\$52.1m
	Cash balance as at 31 Dec 2023	\$33.4m
) 	Total borrowings <sup>2</sup> as at 31 Dec 2023	\$154.0m
	HY24 underlying <sup>1</sup> earnings per share	\$0.063
7	HY24 dividends per share (franked)	\$0.021
	Share price as at 20 Feb 2024	\$1.14
	Shares on issue as at 20 Feb 2024	311.6m
	Market Capitilisation	\$355.0m



Board of Directors and Key Management		
КМР	Role	
Mr Ian Williams	Non-Executive Director & Chair	
Mr Clayton McDonald	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Robert Green	Non-Executive Director	
Mr Matthew Stubbs	Non-Executive Director	
Mr Stephen Cantwell	Non-Executive Director	
Mr Craig Baker	Chief Operating Officer	
Mr Justin Green	CFO and Company Secretary	
Mr Broderick Jones	Group Legal Counsel and Company Secretary	

	Top shareholders <sup>3</sup>		
Ran	k Name	Units	%
1	Washington H Soul Pattinson and Co Ltd	51.9m	16.7%
2	National Nominees Limited	21.8m	7.0%
3	BKI Investment Company Ltd	17.1m	5.5%
4	Mizikovsky Group	16.9m	5.4%
5	J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	15.2m	4.9%
	Total Top 20	181.2m	58.1%



#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Refer to page 20 for reconciliation of underlying figures
- <sup>2</sup> Excludes AASB 16 property/other lease liabilities
- <sup>3</sup> As of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024