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## REVISED PLAN TO TACKLE CHEMICAL SPILLS FROM SHIPS

The protection of Australia's marine environment has been further enhanced with the release today of a revised and improved contingency plan to tackle chemical spills from ships.

The revised National Marine Chemical Spill Contingency Plan – known as the Chemplan – sets out in detail the responses required in the event of a chemical spill in the marine environment.

The Chemplan has been revised to ensure there are spill response arrangements in place for the ever-increasing array of chemicals being shipped into and around Australia.

It sets out clear definitions of responsibility in the event of a spill and includes more information on responding to the many different chemical types entering Australia.

The Chemplan forms part of the Australia's world leading National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances.

Chemplan has been endorsed by the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments and the chemical and shipping industry.

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