



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear AMSA Stakeholders

I am writing to let you know about the proposed reform to maritime safety regulation in Australia and to invite your comments.

The reform is focussed on achieving a single national system for maritime safety regulation. If a national approach is endorsed by governments there may be an expanded role for AMSA. While these reforms are not likely to directly affect your relationship with AMSA, I will keep you informed of the process currently underway and ensure that you are given the opportunity to provide comments and views.

As background, in July this year Commonwealth, State and Territory transport ministers (the Australian Transport Council (ATC)) agreed to support a national approach to maritime safety regulation in relation to commercial vessels. At this stage the ATC has indicated it is inclined towards achieving this approach by broadening the application of the Commonwealth *Navigation Act 1912* to apply to all commercial vessels with AMSA as national regulator. They also suggested State and Northern Territory maritime agencies may decide to continue delivering some services under agreement with AMSA.

The ATC agreed that further consideration of options would be subject to the outcome of a regulation impact statement (RIS). The first stage of the RIS – a Consultation RIS – has been released for comment. I enclose a copy of the document. Details for providing written submissions are on the last page and it can be accessed on-line at <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/safety/consultation.aspx>.

AMSA, along with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and the relevant state and territory maritime agency are visiting cities and regional centres during September and October 2008 to meet with stakeholders and discuss the proposed reforms. A list of those meetings is attached and you are welcome to attend any of those sessions. In addition, if you have any queries or would like to make specific comment, please do not hesitate to call Mr Bob McKay (p 02 6279 5878, m 0418 497 784 or bob.mckay@amsa.gov.au).

I encourage and welcome your views.

Yours sincerely

GRAHAM PEACHEY

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*National Approach to Maritime Safety Regulation
Consultation Timetable*

	Date	Venue	Time
TAS	Monday, 8 September	Rosney College Auditorium 20 Bastick Street Rosney	2.00 pm
TAS	Tuesday, 9 September	The Tram Shed Function Centre Inveresk Rail Yards 4 Invermay Road Mowbray	10.30 am
WA	Thursday, 11 September	E-Tech South Terrace Fremantle	9.00 am
SA	Monday, 15 September	Conference Room 2 Walkerville	1.00 pm
SA	Tuesday, 16 September	Port Lincoln Hotel Port Lincoln	9.00 am
QLD	Monday, 22 September	Shangri-La Hotel Events Centre Entrance –between Coffee Bean & Pier Hotel Trinity 1 & 2 Rooms	4.30 pm
QLD	Wednesday, 24 September	Shingley Beach Resort Shingley Drive Airlie Beach	10.00 am
QLD	Friday, 26 September	Gateway College of TAFE Building A-Room A. 06 Auditorium Cnr Kingsford Smith Drive & Woonah Ave, Eagle Farm	10.00 am
VIC	Tuesday, 30 September	The Regal 163-165 Timor Street Warrnambool	2.00 pm
VIC	Wednesday, 1 October	Corporate Centre, Level 5, SX 1 121 Exhibition St Melbourne	2.00 pm
VIC	Thursday, 2 October	Bellevue on the Lake 201 Esplanade Lakes Entrance	2.00 pm
NT	Tuesday, 7 October	Darwin (TBC) Contact: bob.mckay@amsa.gov.au	TBC
NSW	Thursday, 9 October	Sydney (TBC) Contact: bob.mckay@amsa.gov.au	9.00 am