



**THE FUTURE FOR SEAFARERS
AN AUSTRALIAN UNION PERSPECTIVE**

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Time for a sea change

- A new national shipping policy is now an urgent priority for the nation
- Now is the time for the Government to deliver

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**Features of a new shipping
architecture**

- More Australian content in domestic shipping – return to real cabotage tailored to meet domestic shipping requirements
 - Permits – temporary measure until a licensed vessel is introduced, supported by commitment to invest in tonnage
 - Licensed ships the objective
 - Integration of Fair Work Act and Navigation Act

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**Features of a new shipping
architecture**

- Policy & fiscal settings to support Australian international shipping

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The benefits - domestic

- A competitive and efficient domestic sea freight option for shippers, offering:
 - Reliability
 - Proper scheduling
 - Productively utilised ships
 - Efficient cutting edge technology
 - Flexible labour relations
 - Better safety and security
 - Greenhouse friendly option
- Competitive neutrality across all modes=Genuine choice for shippers

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The benefits - international

- Better customer service
- Reduced ship queues – better use of ship assets and labour
- Reduced demurrage costs
- More efficient supply chain management
- Build a maritime cluster

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The alternative

- Continue with Howard Government policy
- Destroyed shipping architecture of 1980s when shipping was growing
 - Abolished accelerated depreciation
 - Abolished Capital Grants
 - Abused the permit system
 - Created disincentives to invest
 - Attacked the labour force

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What Government needs to do

- Respond to Shipping Inquiry Recommendations with comprehensive package of regulatory reform and fiscal support
 - Move quickly on legislative change
- Establish an industry policy start up task force to support investors

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What Government needs to do

- Integrate shipping reform with national infrastructure spend and national transport policy – create a competitive national freight transport market
- Commit to a workforce planning and skill development strategy

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What the MUA commits to

- Fully back a bold new Government shipping policy
- Work with industry to achieve successful implementation
- Deliver flexible labour relations arrangement and crewing to ensure commercial success & productivity
- Commit to better safety, skills and career path opportunity

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Send Message to Minister


- Send email of support to Minister Albanese in the revitalisation of Australian shipping.
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WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

- Tax incentives for industry to invest in new vessels
- Funding for 100 new seafarers a year to fill the skills shortage
- Tighter regulation against ships of shame on our portside coast
- A safety net award for general workers carrying out domestic freight
- Level-loads, fair competition
- A tonnage tax to make Australian ships more competitive
- PAYEE Tax return for Australian crew on

