

AUSTRALIA

Candidate for the IMO Council—Category B

Australia contributes to the IMO

- Australia is committed to ensuring that IMO can meet the new challenges arising from emerging technology, global trade expansion, and environmental developments.
- Australia successfully championed the establishment of an open-ended working group to develop reforms to the IMO.
- Australia has diverse and balanced interests at the IMO and a strong commitment to develop shipping standards which are fair and effective.
- Australia chairs the Maritime Safety Committee.
- Australia is a foundation member of the IMO and has contributed as a Council member for over 50 years.
- Australia has long been open and willing to work with every Member State and the IMO Secretariat to ensure that Council decisions are fair and sustainable.

Australia is a significant maritime nation

- Australia is the world's largest commodities exporter and is also an island nation.
- Australia has diverse maritime interests and is bordered by the Pacific, Indian and Southern Oceans.
- Australia has 60,000 kilometres of coastline, 12,000 islands and the third largest Exclusive Economic Zone in the world.

Australia has one of the largest shipping tasks in the world

- Australia is the world's largest exporter of iron ore, coal and bauxite and the second largest exporter of liquefied natural gas.
- Australia is home to the largest bulk export port in the world.
- 99% of Australia's international trade is carried by sea and Australia receives over 28,440 visits per year from international trading ships.
- Australian ports handle nearly 1.6 billion tonnes of cargo annually, over 93% of which is international trade.
- Australia's domestic coastal shipping task is shaped by our extensive coastline and the distance between our major coastal cities.



Australia has diverse maritime interests

Ship safety and navigation

- Australia has developed a world-class risk-based port state control inspection regime. Australia conducts nearly 3,000 port state control inspections each year and works closely with flag states to make ships safer and to protect the wellbeing of seafarers.
- Australia's vessel traffic service in the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait has reduced the average annual number of groundings in the area by 89 per cent since 2004.

Marine environment protection

- Australia's Great Barrier Reef was designated the IMO's first Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in 1990. It was extended to include the Torres Strait in 2005 and again in 2015 to include part of the Coral Sea.
- Australia has sensitive marine ecosystems and protects the marine environment through a strong domestic regime and full compliance with international conventions. Australia also has comprehensive national arrangements to manage maritime environmental emergencies.
- Australia is an active member of Pacific Islands Marine Spill Contingency Plan (PACPLAN) and provides assistance to Pacific Island states to prepare for marine pollution response operations.


Search and rescue (SAR)

- Australia has a SAR service that covers one-tenth of the Earth's surface. It extends into the Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans and borders the 10 other SAR regions.
- Australia makes a substantial contribution to building SAR capabilities across the Indian Ocean and Pacific regions.

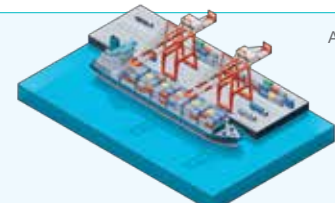
Improving regional outcomes

- Australia invests very heavily in capacity building efforts in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.
- Australia is committed to promoting best practice standards for international shipping so that all countries can reap the benefits of a safe, vibrant and efficient shipping industry and a clean marine environment.

Great Barrier Reef, Queensland




In 2017, Australia responded to **7595** search and rescue incidents and saved **159** lives



Australia receives nearly **29 000** ship visits per year from international trading ships

Australia is home to the **largest** bulk export port in the world



Australia's search and rescue region covers more than **10%** of the earth's surface



99% of Australia's international merchandise trade is carried by sea



Australia maintains a network of **11 250** aids to navigation



The Great Barrier Reef, Torres Strait and Coral Sea Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) covers approximately **968 000** square kilometres.

Australia has been an IMO Council Member for over **50 years**

Australia is the **largest** island nation, with **60 000** kilometres of coastline, and **12 000** islands



The Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area includes **2900** coral reefs and **900** islands

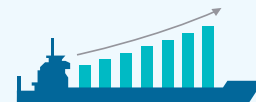
Over 400 commodities are shipped in and out of Australia using more than **1000** shipping routes



Australia is the world's largest bulk commodities exporter and Australian ports handle over **1.6 billion** tonnes of cargo annually



93% of which is international trade.



75% of the world's largest (cape size) bulk carriers come to Australia each year

Australia is the fastest growing cruise market in the world, with over **1.3 million** Australians taking a cruise in 2017

