



Mr Gerry McNally
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr McNally

I write in relation to evidence given during the Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee hearing into Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping on 9 September 2020.

Mr Kelvin Currie, Deputy Coroner, Office of the Coroner, Northern Territory, gave evidence to the hearing about the tragic deaths of Mr Ryan Donoghue, Mr Daniel Bradshaw, and Mr Harry Evans. During his evidence, the following exchange took place:

CHAIR: Mr Currie, after the inquiries for those three men were completed, did AMSA or the relevant work-safe authorities come back and contact you and sit there and follow up or seek your guidance in changing regulations or other legislation? Or is it that you did the hard work and they—

Mr Currie: They didn't, but I don't think they should be criticised by reason of that, because our jurisdiction doesn't really get involved in the policymaking or the changes

I wish to clarify that the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) did follow up with the Coroner after the relevant inquiries.

AMSA detailed its responses to the recommendations arising from the inquest into Mr Donoghue's death via a letter signed on 28 November 2016. AMSA detailed its responses to the recommendations arising from the inquest into Mr Bradshaw's death via a letter signed on 29 October 2018.

The Coroner's report arising from the inquest into Mr Evans's death did not include recommendations relevant to AMSA.

AMSA takes seriously every maritime related fatality and will continue to cooperate with state and territory authorities when these incidents occur to ensure we are doing all we can to improve maritime safety across Australia.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

30 September 2020