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Dear Secretary

Re: Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill)

SA Unions is the peak Trade Union Council for South Australia. Through its affiliated organisations, it represents approximately 160,000 union members in all industries and sectors.

Ensuring the health and safety of people at work is a major focus for the union movement. Our vision is that nobody should go to work and be hurt or be killed and where there are injuries people are supported by fair and generous workers' compensation arrangements.

SA Unions strongly opposes the passage of the Bill.

We support the submissions of the Maritime Union of Australia and urge the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee to recommend against passage of the Bill, because of the detrimental effect the legislation would have on the rights and protections of Australian seafarers.

Yours faithfully

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