

INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE UNION

To: Ian Dundas - Committee Secretary

Re: Inquiry into Maritime Salvage in Australian Waters.

Dear Mr Dundas

Thank you for your invitation to comment and I apologise for the delay in replying.

The International Salvage Union supports any initiative by Governments to invest in the provision of services that aim to protect the safety of life and prevent or minimise damage to the environment.

It is important that Governments are able to intervene in coastal waters as salvage provision cannot be left to chance.

The ISU also supports those towage companies that invest in tugs with fire fighting and salvage equipment and it is hoped that appropriate assistance is given by governments to achieve these operational capabilities.

Finally, the ISU welcomes the Australian House of Representatives Standing Committee's initiative in setting up this most important Inquiry.

We await the outcome with interest and will be pleased to be of assistance if required.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary-General