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The Secretary of the Committee,

Enclosed is a brief submission by the RUSI of Victoria that was to have been incorporated into a RUSI-AUST response.

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National Secretary,

The RUSI of Victoria recommends that the terms of reference of the parliamentary inquiry specifically address the adequacy of the maritime resources of our National Support Base to fully support a maritime strategy.

Concern has been expressed by the RUSI of Victoria Council at the reduction in the number of vessels that are Australian owned, registered and crewed. For an island nation that is dependent upon external trade, Australia has a very small merchant marine. Should we require to use merchant ships in support of our maritime strategy, cf Britain in the Falklands campaign, there would appear to be insufficient Australian owned, registered and crewed ships of the appropriate type that can be called on. Should this be the case, pursuit of a maritime strategy must also include government policy to ensure the adequacy of our merchant marine to support ADF operations.

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