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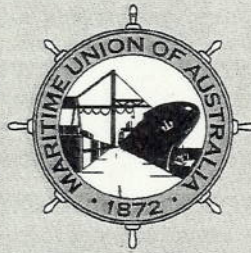
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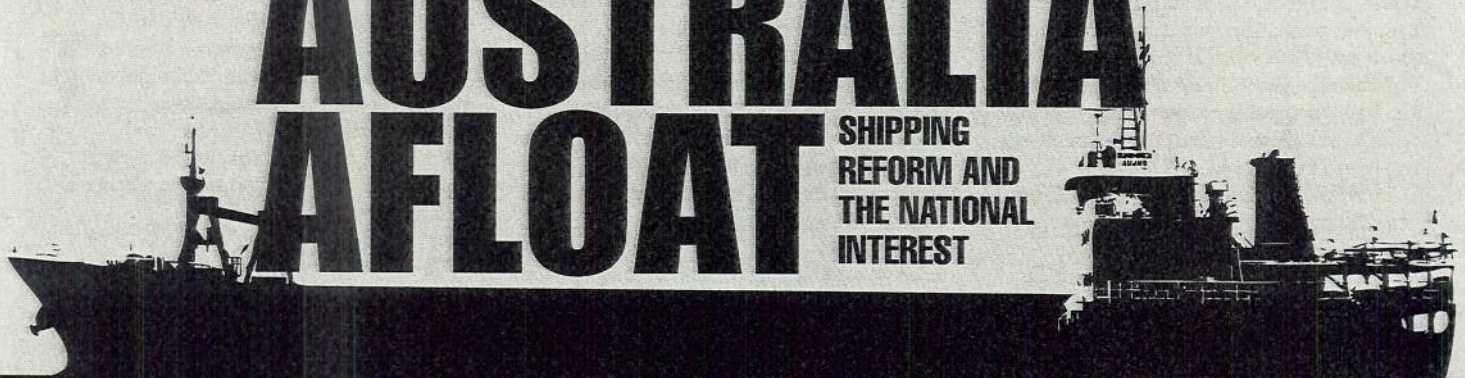
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strategies.

The forum has met three times and is in the process of preparing a workforce plan. The expertise, knowledge and views of the Deputy Chief are already proving to be of great value in the shaping the nature of the skills issues facing the maritime industry.

**Stephen Smith**

Minister for Defence

The MUA acknowledges the messages from the following staff from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and Australian Maritime Safety Authority, who worked extensively on the Shipping Reform legislation: Congratulations on the passage of the Bills

**Andrew Wilson**

Deputy Secretary

Department of Infrastructure and Transport

Paddy – thanks and congratulations. Well done to all involved. Looking forward to catching up.

**Mike Mrdak**

Department of Infrastructure and Transport

Paddy

Thanks to you and Rod Pickette for the constructive and robust discussions over the last 18 months or so on the Shipping Reforms – it helped my education on the realities of the industry.

Kind regards

**Karen Gosling**

Department of Infrastructure and Transport

Paddy,

I was watching the Senate proceedings on TV and breathed a big sigh of relief when it was all done.

I hope you enjoy the celebration.

Now for the hard work!

Best regards,

**Mick Kinley**

AMSA – Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Paddy

Congratulations - It is indeed worth celebrating.

Cheers,

**Mal Larsen**

AMSA – Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Paddy, A great day for all concerned!

Best wishes,

**Graham Peachey**

AMSA – Australian Maritime Safety Authority



### **ANTHONY ALBANESE, MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT**

Australia is an island continent and we have the fourth largest shipping task in the world, yet we've seen a marked decline from 55 ships down to 21 in recent years.

This is largely as a result of Howard Government policies. We only have four ships engaged in the international trade. That is not good enough. That's why the Federal Labor Government has spent years honing this legislation to get it right.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. There are real reasons for recognising that an Australian shipping industry is absolutely vital. Economic, in terms of productivity; environmental, in terms of making sure that we have top quality ships and trained people with proper conditions operating around our coast, and also reasons of national security.

I am proud to say it is because of the commitment and determination of the Federal Labor Government that this has taken place and I'd like to thank Paddy Crumlin for helping to make it possible.

### **SENATOR PENNY WONG, MINISTER FOR FINANCE**

The Gillard Government is committed to supporting Australian industry to be more productive and competitive.

Through the shipping industry reforms, we will see the creation of a maritime cluster in Australia and the revitalization of an industry that will attract new investment and jobs for our economy.

These reforms are a testament to the work of Paddy Crumlin and the MUA, and the work they have done, including working with industry to progress these reforms successfully.