



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government**

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Re: Navigation Act re-write discussion paper and submission template

Dear Sir/Madam

On 5 June 2009 the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, announced a re-write of the *Navigation Act 1912* to recast the Act in modern plain language and reflect contemporary conditions and practices of the shipping industry.

Attached is a discussion paper outlining the broad direction of the proposed maritime safety legislation reform and a template in which to provide formal submissions on the proposal to the Department.

The discussion paper and submission template has been posted on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government website at <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/paper/index.aspx>

Comments on the reform proposals should be incorporated into the submission template and sent to navactrewrite@infrastructure.gov.au by 30 July 2010.

Queries about the legislative reform or consultation process should be directed to **Murray Lembit, Section Head, Navigation Act Rewrite Team, on (02) 6274 6714.**

Yours sincerely

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