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'IN SEARCH OF AN AUSTRALIAN POLICY'

25 September 2003 WORKSHOP

OUTCOMES

On World Maritime Day 2002, 26th September, the CML held a Workshop at the UQ on the topic 'In Search of an Australian Shipping Policy'. Many sectors of the shipping industries were represented. It was resolved that the task of working towards such a Policy would be steadily pursued and a similar Workshop would be held on World Maritime Day 2003.

This occurred on 25th September 2003. The Agenda and the contributors are shown under. At the end of a most valuable day it was resolved that:

1. The purpose was confirmed that the end result was to be a document that would be sponsored by the CML, as an academic body, so no particular participant would have to own the material set out in it, nor even to agree with every aspect of each section of it;
2. The document would be taken into the public sector when completed and used by all contributors and others to advance debate. Until then it would be a draft only and work-in-progress;
3. The document was directed towards debate in the future, some 5-10 years ahead, and was not focused on persuading any current office bearers in government etc to the value of such a Policy;
4. Apart from Policy statements the document would employ a scenario of a major shipping casualty in the Great Barrier Reef to illustrate the disastrous effect it would have on so many aspects of the Australian economy. However, it was noted that the document would not merely be an economic exercise as so many aspects of such a Policy are not quantifiable;
5. The title was too narrow in using the word 'Shipping'. The title should be changed to be 'An Australian Maritime Policy';
6. The CML (White, Wulf) would work on the draft and create suitable sections for the various sectors identified. Each party agreed to contribute its expertise;
7. The final draft would be presented at a further Workshop on World Maritime Day

2004 (Thursday 23rd September

2004) and the Workshop would then try to finalise it;

8. Thereafter steps would be taken to bring forward the debate using the final document;
9. The CML would seek from the contributors their agreement to a partnership to seek funding from the Australian Research Council in a 'Linkage' Program. (Under this ARC Linkage there is a link between industry partners and the university (CML in this case) in which for every dollar in cash or in kind the ARC would contribute a dollar. The CML (White) will contact contributors along these lines to seek their interest;
- 10. IN SUMMARY: All contributors would work towards drafting 'An Australian Maritime Policy' which document would be considered and finalized at a Workshop on next World Maritime Day, Thursday 23 September 2004.**

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Annexure:
Agenda and Contributors

In Search of an Australian Shipping Policy Workshop
Thursday 25th September 2003 (World Maritime Day)

AGENDA

'In Search of an Australian Shipping Policy' Seminar. Thursday 25th September 2003; Centre For Maritime Law, University of Queensland. Room 302, Building GPN3 (No.39A)			
Time	Title	To cover	Presenter
0900 Registration. Law School, Forgan Smith Building, St Lucia Campus, UQ			
09:15 – 09:30	Introduction	<i>Aims of the Seminar</i>	<i>Dr Michael White QC, Executive Director, Centre for Maritime Law</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Australian Shipowners View	<i>Australian Shipowners View.</i>	<i>Mr Lachlan Payne, Australian Shipowners Assoc.</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coastal Shipping & Freight	<i>Study of examples of coastal shipping tasks</i>	<i>Captain John Watkinson, Gen. Man., Maritime Safety Agency, Qld Transport</i>
10:30 – 10:45 Morning Tea break – Law Common Room			
10:45- 11:00	Shipping Australia Ltd	<i>Shipping Australia View.</i>	<i>Mr Lew Russell</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Australian Ports	<i>Australian Ports Interests and View</i>	<i>Mr John Hirst, AAPMA</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Maritime Unions' View	<i>Maritime Union Australia View.</i>	<i>Dr Duncan Macdonald, Consultant to MUA</i>
12:30 – 13:00	CSL Pacific Case & Coastal Shipping	<i>Effects of High Court Decision in CSL Pacific and MVA case</i>	<i>Dr Michael White</i>
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH			
14:00 – 14:30	Logistics	<i>Marine Pilots' View</i>	<i>Captain Steve Pelecanos, Brisbane Marine Pilots</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Australian National Interests	<i>Strategic National Interest Requirements in a Shipping Policy</i>	<i>Lt. Commander Glen Kerr RAN</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Defence	<i>RAN Sea Power Centre Perspective</i>	<i>Lt. Commander Glen Kerr RAN</i>
15:30 – 15:45 Afternoon Tea Break			
15:45 – 16:15	General Discussion lead by Professor Edgar Gold CM QC, Messrs Patrick Quirk & Bruce Virgo. A appointment of a committee to draft a policy document.		
16:15	END		

Other participants: Commander Michael Houghton, RAN, Lt. Commander Cathy Beadley, RAN Reserve, Naval Coordination & Guidance of Shipping (at MSQ), Messrs Pierre-Jean Bordahandy and Peter Wulf, PhD candidates.

Mr Barry Vellnagel, National Bulk Commodities, speaking on 'Bulk Commodities Exporters View' is not now able to attend.