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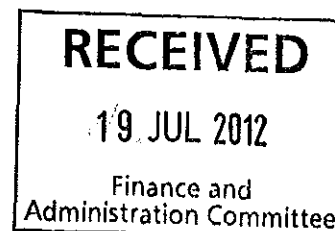
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Michael Crandon MP
Chairman
Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE, QLD, 4000



Dear Mr Crandon

Inquiry into operation of Queensland's Workers' Compensation Scheme

We appreciate you seeking the views of Shipping Australia Ltd on the Inquiry into operation of Queensland's Workers' Compensation Scheme. We appreciate the Government conducting this inquiry to see whether the scheme is meeting the objectives of the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003 and whether the scheme provides benefits for workers who sustain injury in their employment, for dependants if a worker's injury results in the worker's death, for persons other than workers and for other benefits, and if it has in fact encouraged improved health and safety performance by employers.

Shipping Australia Ltd (SAL) is a peak shipowner association with 36 member lines and shipping agents (list attached) and with 47 corporate associate members which generally provide services to the maritime industry in Australia. Our membership is involved with over 70% of Australia's international container trade and car trade as well as over 60% of our break bulk and bulk trade.

We will limit our comments to those issues that directly affect our members.

We are not aware of the claims records to ascertain whether the reforms implemented in 2010 have reduced the number and cost of claims, which were quite significant prior to the reforms in 2007-2008.

SAL members wholeheartedly support any scheme that has national uniformity and sincerely hopes that the Queensland scheme can mirror the arrangements in the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions.

In this context we question whether there is consistency in Australian State/Territory legislation with respect to injury to a worker on the way to/from a place of work.

34 Injury while at or after worker attends place of employment

(1) An injury to a worker is taken to arise out of, or in the course of, the worker's employment if the event happens on a day on which the worker has attended at the place of employment as required under the terms of the worker's employment—

35 Other circumstances

(1) An injury to a worker is also taken to arise out of, or in the course of, the worker's employment if the event happens while the worker—

(a) is on a journey between the worker's home and place of employment; or.....

We also believe that the minimum number of employees (currently 2,000) to be eligible for self-insurance is excessive and this should be reduced to a more reasonable figure to enable increased participation, which may be more economical.

71 Issue or renewal of licence to a single employer

(1) The Authority may issue or renew a licence to be a self-insurer to a single employer only if satisfied that—

(a) the number of full-time workers employed in Queensland by the employer is at least 2000; and

72 Issue or renewal of licence to a group employer

(1) The Authority may issue or renew a licence to be a self-insurer to a group employer only if satisfied that—

- *the applicant is a group employer; and*
- *the combined number of full-time workers employed in Queensland by all members of the group is at least 2000; and*

Yours sincerely



Llew Russell, AM
Chief Executive Officer



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Sea Transport Solutions
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