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Dear Sir or Madam

Submission to the Inquiry into a sustainable Queensland intrastate shipping industry.

The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) Queensland Branch has collaborated with the MUA National Office in preparing a submission to this inquiry, entitled 'Rebuilding Queensland's Coastal Shipping Industry'. That submission will be lodged with the committee by the MUA National Office.

However, the MUA Queensland Branch believed it would be valuable for the committee to hear the experiences of rank-and-file seafarers. Several of our members have provided brief statements, detailing their experiences of the coastal shipping industry and its decline. Some of these members, despite being experienced, well-qualified seafarers, who were once in constant employment, now find themselves either unemployed, or employed only intermittently in an industry with a dearth of employment opportunities for Australian seafarers.

Submissions have been provided by the following seafarers:

- (i) Matt Leach;
- (ii) Bruce Doleman;
- (iii) Kevin Thomas;
- (iv) Dave Watson;
- (v) Michael Horsley;
- (vi) Paul Gallagher;
- (vii) John Lee;
- (viii) Ricardo Granieri;
- (ix) Joseph Galvin



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While our members' submissions speak for themselves, the obvious conclusion to be drawn from their collective experience and knowledge is that the livelihoods of Australian seafarers have disappeared in favour of foreign crews in relation to whom the same minimum standards do not apply. That this should be allowed to occur in an industry like coastal shipping, wholly internal to Australia, is a disgrace. The MUA (Queensland Branch) acknowledges that this state of affairs has arisen generally as a result of politically-motivated reforms carried out by Federal governments. However, the MUA believes that if coastal shipping is to continue to exist as a source of meaningful employment, it will require a preparedness for State governments, including the Queensland government, to intervene and regulate the industry to the extent they have a capacity to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Carnegie
Queensland Branch Secretary