

INTRODUCTION

Arbitration has always been the preferred method of dispute resolution in the maritime industry. In 1997, in order to assist industry participants in this respect, MLAANZ developed a set of arbitration rules and established a panel of arbitrators available for appointment.

In 2007, the MLAANZ Arbitration Rules were updated with the intention of creating a framework for the speedy and cost-efficient resolution of disputes by arbitrators familiar with shipping and maritime trade. Industry participants are encouraged to consider the benefits of providing for dispute resolution in their contracts. A simple arbitration clause included in a contract when it is negotiated can bring untold benefits to both parties in the event that a dispute arises at some future time.

The members of the MLAANZ Panel of Arbitrators have either legal or industry experience in the maritime trade. Many have been accredited as an arbitrator by arbitration organisations. It is possible for the parties to a dispute to appoint a member of the Panel of Arbitrators as an arbitrator in a dispute which is not governed by the MLAANZ arbitration rules.

The Panel of Arbitrators is regularly updated. For anyone interested in joining the panel, please refer to the MLAANZ policy in respect of applications for membership of the panel.

Mediation is also available to parties in dispute. Several members of the Panel of Arbitrators are also available to act as mediators.

MLAANZ is a member of the Australian Maritime and Transport Arbitration Commission.

Practice Note.

MLAANZ Arbitration Rules.

Panel of Arbitrators.

Suggested Arbitration Clause.

Policy for Joining Panel of Arbitrators and Application Form.