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Australian Government Discussion Paper on Possible Ratification of the Athens Convention 2002

MLAANZ has received the following E-mail from Australia's director, Maritime Safety and Environment, and encourages members to make a submission in support of this initiative spearheaded on our behalf by Professor Kate Lewins of Murdoch University.

From: Athens Convention [mailto:athensconvention@infrastructure.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 29 November 2017 6:42 AM

Subject: Australian Government discussion paper on possible ratification of the Athens Convention 2002

Good morning,

The Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Infrastructure) has developed a discussion paper titled "Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea: the Athens Convention 2002".

The purpose of the discussion paper is to seek public views on the adequacy of Australia's current legal framework regarding the international carriage of passengers by sea and, in particular, the compensation and liability regime for these passengers.

Additionally, Infrastructure is seeking views on the commercial implications if Australia were to ratify the Athens Convention. These views will assist the Australian Government in its consideration of whether ratification of the Athens Convention is necessary.

For your reference a copy of the discussion paper is attached, which can also be downloaded from Infrastructure's Website at https://infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/business/liability/damage_luggage.aspx.

The Australian Government encourages ship passengers and their representative organisations; industry participants, including passenger ship operators, passenger ship owners, travel and ship insurers; and other stakeholders to consider the issues set out in this discussion paper and make a submission.

Infrastructure is seeking written submissions on the issues raised in this discussion paper no later than 31 January 2018. Please note, submissions will only be treated as confidential if they are expressly stated to be confidential.

Infrastructure prefers to receive electronic copies of submissions, in either PDF or Microsoft Word format.

Please email submissions to athensconvention@infrastructure.gov.au.

We hope that you will consider making a submission, and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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