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## President's Message

You will see from the article contributed by Kerry Webster, our NZ Vice President, that the New Zealand Branch has made a submission to the Select Committee in relation to the Maritime Transport Amendment Act.

Bevan Marten from Victoria University, and I, will appear before the Parliamentary Select Committee in Wellington on 9 March to advocate on behalf of MLAANZ.

On 21 March, Auckland Law School is hosting a lecture titled "Unpacking the South China Sea Arbitration" which may be of interest to members. Details can be found at <http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/events-1/events/events-2017/2017/03/Public-lecture-Joanna-Mossop.html>.

Maurice Lynch, Chair of the NSW Branch, tells me the branch mini-conference is on 24 March. Papers will be presented in the morning, and there is to be a port tour in the afternoon. Contact Maurice for more details at [maurice.lynch@millsoakley.com.au](mailto:maurice.lynch@millsoakley.com.au).

The New Zealand conference is on Waiheke Island at Goldie Vineyard on 19 May and registration details will be circulated shortly.

I am pleased to report that Matthew Harvey has secured The Hon. Sir Bernard Eder, current Senior Editor of *Scrutton on Charterparties and Bills of Lading*, to be our Dethridge speaker at the Melbourne conference. Sir Bernard has had a distinguished career in the law to date as a visiting Professor at University College, London, a judge of the High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench Division) and now as an International Judge at the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Please put the conference from 4-6 October in your diaries as I am sure it will be an excellent event both as to content and networking opportunities, and with the delights of Melbourne to be savoured as well.

Kind regards.

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President, MLAANZ

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