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Sector Funding Welcomed by Ports Australia

Ports Australia chief executive Mike Gallacher has expressed “satisfaction” with the Australian Federal Government’s Budget allocation for the country’s maritime industry.

Describing the A\$600,000 allocated for the creation of a national action plan to reduce maritime emissions as “positive”, Mr Gallacher nonetheless believes more funding would be required to complete the project.

He is also urging the Government to consider the emissions-reducing efforts already made by ports, shipping lines and other service providers in the Australian maritime sector.

Mr Gallacher says Ports Australia is looking forward to working with the Government to strengthen the country’s biosecurity system, following the Budget allocation of A\$1 billion over four years.

“Sustainable funding of our nation’s biosecurity measures needs to focus on those responsible for sending the potential risk to our shores,” he says.

“Whether it’s foreign car manufacturers leaving vehicles sitting idly in paddocks before shipment, overseas-based exporters packing a container full of goods to send to Australia or individuals seeking to import into our country products such as meats, fruit or vegetables.

“They are all seeking to profit from demand in the Australian market and they need to understand we all take the protection of Australian fauna and flora seriously.”

Ports Australia’s full media release, which includes a full list of Budget items impacting Australia’s maritime industry, can be found [here](#).

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