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## Save the Date – MLAANZ 47th Annual Federal Conference

**Brisbane October 13-14, 2022**

The Australian and New Zealand branches of MLAANZ invite all members and those interested in maritime law to this year's 47th Annual Federal Conference – themed "Sustainability in Shipping".

The Brisbane conference will kickoff with a cocktail event at the wonderful University of Queensland Art Museum from 5.30pm to 7pm on Wednesday October 12. The conference sessions will then be held over two days at the Global Change Institute, University of Queensland (UQ), with a gala dinner on the Thursday evening at Customs House.

In line with the "Sustainability in Shipping" theme, the conference will showcase a range of presentations and speakers on topical issues including:

- United Nations treaties to combat plastic pollution in the ocean
- climate change litigation and class actions
- the impacts of marine casualties on the environment
- who foots the bill for the associated clean up – and the extent to which that liability can be limited



The Dethridge Memorial Address will be delivered by Emeritus Professor Nicholas Gaskell, UQ, and keynote speakers will include the Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington.

More information on speakers and topics to come!

The conference promises to be an entertaining and informative event of particular interest to maritime lawyers, vessel operators, logistics providers, port and terminal companies, commodities exporters and marine insurers. It is a fantastic professional networking opportunity and, after the past two years of COVID, will be a central event on the marine industry calendar.

If you are interested in participating in the conference as a speaker, we are putting a call out for expressions of interest in presenting on the following topics:

- ESG (environmental, social and corporate governance)
- supply chains and modern slavery at sea
- the Great Barrier Reef – is it in crisis?

Of course, we would also be keen to hear from anyone with other ideas which are relevant to the central theme of sustainability from as broad a cross-section of speakers as possible – including Young MLAANZ members who may wish to make a contribution.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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