

Terms of Reference

Inquiry into Maritime Salvage in Australian Waters

The committee will inquire into and report on the impact of the Productivity Commission Report on the Economic Regulation of Harbour Towing and Related Services in respect to the nation's ongoing capacity to provide a defined level of salvage capabilities and cover for all Australian Waters.

The report will have regard to:

1. The three tiers of government's responsibility to provide salvage infrastructure;
2. The inclusion of a defined level of salvage capability in harbour towing service agreements;
3. The provision of relief tugs when salvage tugs are engaged in a salvage operation;
4. Minimum standards of salvage tug safety, training and operational capability;
5. The need for public interest obligations to release tugs for marine emergencies.

Submissions can be e-mailed to: Trs.Reps@aph.gov.au

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Transport and Regional Services Committee
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

The closing date for submissions is 8 April 2004 although the committee will accept late submissions.

The discussion paper is available at www.aph.gov.au/house_salvage