



Australian Government



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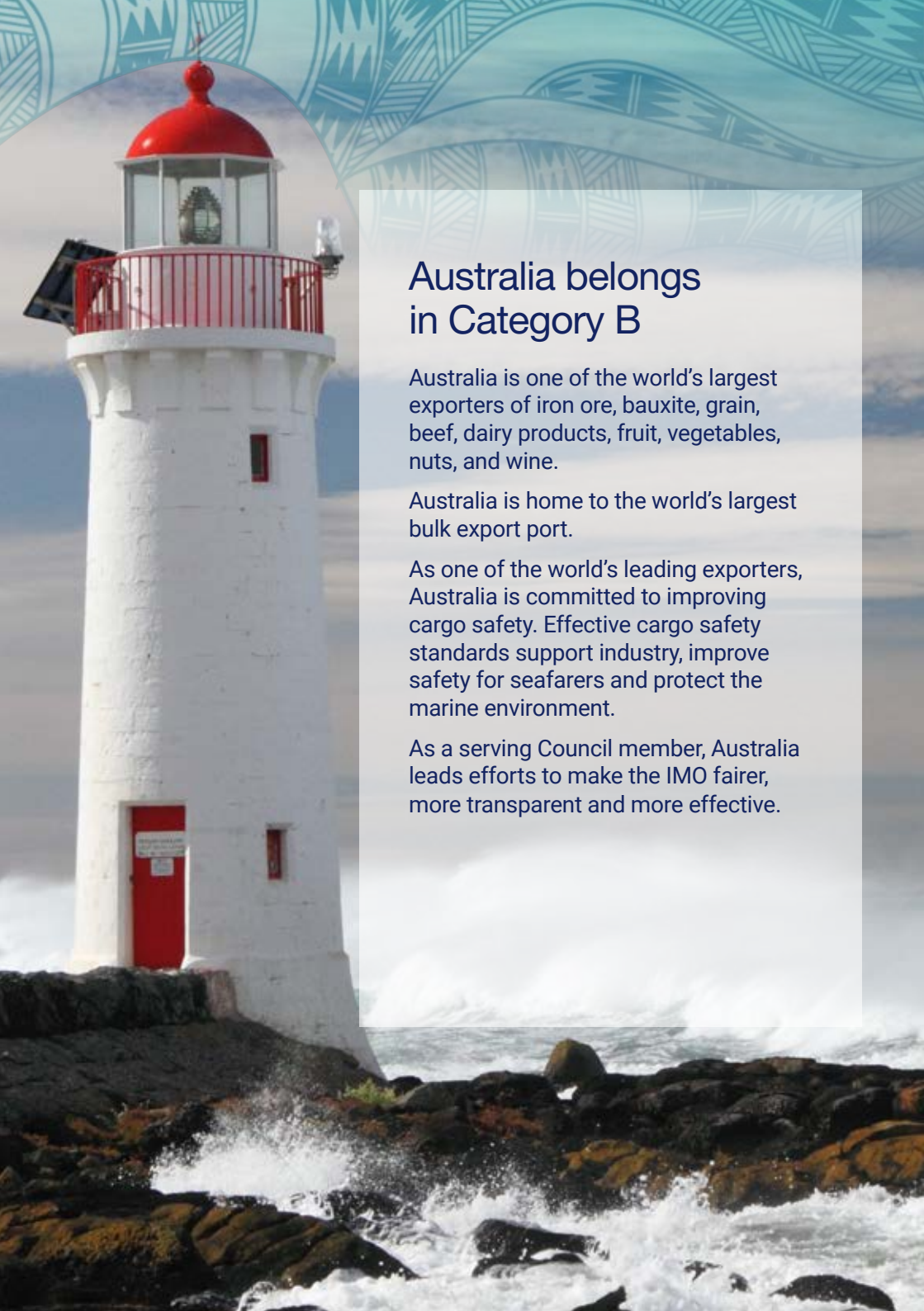
Candidate for the IMO Council—Category B
2026-2027 biennium

Australia at the IMO
CHARTING A COURSE TO MARITIME EXCELLENCE

The image features a large container ship with a blue hull and a white superstructure, heavily loaded with multi-colored shipping containers. It is being escorted by several tugboats in a harbor setting. The background is a clear blue sky. At the top of the page, there is a large, colorful graphic overlay with intricate patterns in shades of teal, orange, and purple, resembling traditional Indigenous art.

As a proud member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) family, Australia leads efforts to strengthen IMO's resilience, transparency, and effectiveness.

Australia has been honored to serve on the IMO Council for many years, and we remain a trusted and committed partner, championing our region at the IMO.



Australia belongs in Category B

Australia is one of the world's largest exporters of iron ore, bauxite, grain, beef, dairy products, fruit, vegetables, nuts, and wine.

Australia is home to the world's largest bulk export port.

As one of the world's leading exporters, Australia is committed to improving cargo safety. Effective cargo safety standards support industry, improve safety for seafarers and protect the marine environment.

As a serving Council member, Australia leads efforts to make the IMO fairer, more transparent and more effective.

Australia's maritime values

Leading mature maritime cooperation programs.

Collaborating to improve implementation of global shipping standards.

Fostering innovation, inclusion, transparency, and efficiency at IMO.

Negotiating fair and effective standards to meet the diverse priorities and needs of IMO members.

Providing a world-class Search and Rescue capability and a risk-based port State control program.

Driving ambitious and sustainable solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address noise pollution, and combat marine plastic litter from ships.

Championing seafarer safety and wellbeing.

Australia is an island nation, with
60,000kms
of coastline, and over
8,000
islands



In 2023 Australia responded to

5,916

search and rescue incidents

and saved

150

lives



In 2023, Australia conducted port State control inspections on

2,477

foreign flagged ships



99%

of our commodities enter and leave Australia by sea

Australia's search and rescue region covers more than

10%

of the earth's surface



The Great Barrier Reef was designated as the world's first Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in November



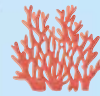
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Australia is home to

world class

maritime training and research institutions



The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest living structure, stretching over

2,300km

Each year Australia exports over

1.5 billion tonnes

of cargo



Australia receives over

30,000

ship visits per year from international trading ships

Australia is home to
278
cultural and ethnic groups



Australia is proud to support regional and international

Women in Maritime
organisations

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Australia values seafarers

Australia is committed to seafarer safety and wellbeing, ensuring that every vessel we inspect meets international standards for crew welfare.

Our inspectors, many of whom are former mariners, conduct thorough evaluations to safeguard the lives of seafarers around the world.

Australia funds domestic and international scholarships:

- to support people in our region working in the maritime industry to attend the World Maritime University and enhance their technical, professional, and leadership skills.
- for undergraduate students to encourage women to enter the maritime industry in Australia.

Australia's maritime training facilities are at the forefront of seafarer education and cutting-edge maritime research, contributing to global maritime innovation and leadership.

