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Vision for revitalised Australian shipping supported

“Shipping Australia supports the direction of the reforms announced by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport last Friday” Llew Russell, CEO of SAL said today.

“SAL has always supported a viable and internationally competitive Australian merchant marine. Whether the present Government’s vision will be realised under this criteria will depend upon the details of its implementation.

“How will the proposed tonnage tax system work in practice and what is an Australian international shipping register?”

“SAL has always supported making changes to income tax arrangements for Australian-resident international seafarers to remove inconsistencies for companies employing Australians” Mr Russell said.

If the Government is re-elected Shipping Australia looks forward to being consulted on the details of implementation and hopes to be represented on the Maritime Taskforce Development Forum.

“We also recognise the importance of these measures being conditional on a compact between industry and unions to deliver labour productivity and efficiency reforms”, he said.

Editor’s note

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