



Keep Australia afloat

Australian shipping is sinking fast.

In just 10 years, Australia's merchant shipping fleet has shrunk by half. Our seafarers jobs are being taken by overseas competitors who run floating sweatshops.

A strong shipping fleet is vital to our economy and security – and yet there are no incentives to invest in Australian shipping.

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WE URGENTLY NEED MORE AUSTRALIAN SHIPS TO...

Protect our Beaches

Foreign ships risk environmental disasters. Recently the Hong Kong flagged *Pacific Adventurer* spread oil onto pristine Queensland beaches and the Panama flagged *Pasha Bulka* beached at Nobby's beach in Newcastle.

Stop global warming

Ships cut carbon emissions and land transport bottlenecks.

Shipping carries 24% of our domestic trade and contributes just 4% of all freight transport emissions.

Protect human rights

Many foreign ships are registered in tax havens exploiting guest workers. On the Hong Kong flagged *Tien Hau* the Chinese crew were forced to fish for their dinner. Crew on the Tongan flagged *Hakula* were being paid \$38 a day.

Keep Aussie jobs

Ships of shame are taking Australian jobs, 1000 have been lost.

There are less than 46 Australian registered ships from 75 only 10 years ago and the fleet is aging.

Keep our economy afloat

Foreign ships carry 99% of our international and 30% of our domestic coastal trade.

Incentives like a tonnage tax (taxing tonnage rather than profits) will boost GDP and mean more tax revenue. In the UK it's delivered a \$20 billion GDP bonus.

Protect our shores

Ships play a vital role in border protection. It was the Australian crew on board the *Oceanic Viking* and *Front Puffin* who were at the front line during recent refugee crises.

The merchant marine supports our navy in wartime. 1 in 8 merchant mariners died in WWII.



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