



International Commission on Shipping

Monday, 24 July 2000

International Commission begins worldwide enquiry in Sydney

The International Commission On Shipping (ICONS) kicks off its worldwide leg of an enquiry into sub-standard shipping in Sydney today.

ICONS is Chaired by former Australian Federal Minister for Transport, The Hon. Peter Morris.

Other members of the Commission include; James Bell, London (Commissioner), Prof Moritaka Hayashi, Tokyo (Commissioner), and Capt Barry McKay, Ottawa (Commissioner).

The Commission was established by the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), to conduct a series of worldwide enquires and recommend ways to combat sub-standard shipping. Including the endangerment of seafarers' lives, the inhumane hardship of crew members, the prevention of environmental catastrophes caused by sub-standard shipping and the roles of the industry's regulatory bodies.

Mr Morris will be available for comment regarding today's enquiry and the role of ICONS by telephoning 0418 835 566.

For further information regarding ICONS please contact Mr Peter Morris or visit ICONS' web site located at www.icons.org.au. A program of today's enquiry can be found below.

ICONS will submit the findings of its enquiry to the APEC Shipping Safety Symposium during March 2001 in Sydney, Australia.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM – SYDNEY 24 JULY 2000

TIME	ORGANISATION
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Association of Australian Ports & Marine Authorities Mr. John Hirst
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Australian Shipowners Association Mr. Lachlan Payne
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	International Transport Workers Federation / Maritime Union of Australia. Mr. Trevor Charles.
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm - 3.30 pm	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Australian Maritime Training Mr. Jac Van Dijk

Venue:

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