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The Committee Secretary Joint Standing Committee on Treaties PO Box 6021 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Resolution MEPC.189(60), Adopted on 26 March 2010 Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (addition of a new chapter 9 to MARPOL Annex I) (London, 17 July 2009)

I request that the above treaty be amended so that no heavy oils of the type included in the treaty be allowed south of the following latitude:

S 38 degrees 12' 38.00"

This position is the most northerly point of Western Port, in Victoria.

Western Port contains RAMSAR sites and is part of the foraging habitat of the Little Penguin.

A prohibition of heavy oils in Western Port would ensure some degree of protection of the roosting sites of migratory bird species (RAMSAR sites), and avoid the calamitous situation of a spill of heavy oil onto the internationally famous Phillip Island Penguin Parade.

Yours sincerely,

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