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Appendix D – Terms of Reference for the Australian Maritime Group working group on salvage capacity

- 1. The objective of the Working Group is to:
 - review the Stage 1 report;
 - investigate the legal, administrative, commercial, legislative, financial and practical issues involved;
 - > develop an approach for going forward; and
 - ➢ report back to AMG.
- 2. In conducting its work the Working Group will be guided by the overall objective of protecting the Australian marine environment through **prevention** by determining the capacity required to provide an emergency towage capability around the Australian coast

Report

3. The key output of the Working Group will be a report to AMG for consideration with a view to raising the issue to the Standing Committee of Transport and the Australian Transport Council.

Consultation

4. The Working Group will consult with relevant bodies external to AMG in the development of the Report, in particular the Australian Association of Port and Marine Authorities, the Australian Shipowners Association, Shipping Australia, key Port Authorities and the major towage providers.

Meetings

5. Meetings will be arranged by the Convenor as frequently as Members agree is necessary.

Administration

- 6. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority will supply the secretariat.
- 7. Telephone conference meetings will be the preferred meeting option.
- 8. Meeting attendance costs will be borne by attendees.