1. The submission sought Cabinet approval for the Queensland Government’s agreement to Australia’s ratification of International Labour Organisation (ILO) *Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006* (No. 186).

2. The MLC is designed to provide minimum requirements for seafarers to work on ships and contains provisions on conditions of employment, hours of work and rest, accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering, health protection, medical care, welfare and social security. Australian ratification will ensure decent working and living conditions for seafarers on Australian ships and on foreign-flagged ships entering Australian ports.

3. Failure to ratify the MLC may have significant implications for Australian ships trading internationally. Only ratifying countries can issue maritime labour certificates and authorise declarations of maritime labour compliance. A ship which is not carrying a certificate and declaration may be detained and inspected in countries to which the MLC applies to check compliance. Such delays could be costly for the operator of a ship.

4. Australia’s treaty-making policy provides that ratification does not occur until compliance is achieved by all State and Territory Governments and that all jurisdictions have formally agreed to ratification.

5. Queensland’s law and practice achieve a satisfactory level of compliance to formally agree to ratification of the MLC.

6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government’s agreement to Australia ratifying International Labour Organisation *Maritime Labour Convention 2006* (No. 186).

*7.* Attachments

* Nil.