



The Australasian Marine Pilots Institute

Letter to the editor - the DCN (follow up to feedback received)

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Sir,

I am responding to some feedback I have received from my letter to DCN on 28th February regarding pilotage competition in Melbourne.

It seems that my reference to the Atlantic Blue incident may have been seen by some as a criticism of AMSA, the reef service providers and pilots.

This was not my intention, quite the contrary, my point was to highlight a process where some systematic and regulatory shortcomings were identified by the investigation, as a result, the Regulator, service providers and the pilots all responded appropriately to achieved a positive outcome. This is exactly what we hope happens in Victoria before there is an incident.

I would also like to stress that AMPI does not assume an 'industrial role' on this or any other issue, this is not on our agenda, and it is disappointing that our support of safety and due process is interpreted as 'industrial'.

AMPI has the greatest respect for all the Barrier Reef pilots, and they regime they work under. The AMPI executive encourage pilots to contact us for clarification on any issue of concern and their contributions as AMPI members would be valued.

Regards,
Captain Neil Farmer
President
Australasian Marine Pilots Institute

AMPI is a not for profit organisation, run by volunteering Marine Pilots from around Australia, serving the professional interests of Marine Pilots in the Australasian region.

New members and associate members are most welcome to join our organisation.

The next AMPI regional workshop will be held in Darwin Q3 2018.

*AMPI is also actively planning the **2019 AMPI Pilotage and Port Logistics Conference**, to be held in Sydney over 4 days, event sponsorship enquiries are welcomed.*

For further information please contact president@ampi.org.au

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