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I am writing in response to calls for submissions to the Review of the *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976* (the Act). NSW Maritime has consulted with Sydney Ports Corporation, Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC) and Port Kembla Port Corporation to provide the following comments.

NSW Maritime and the port corporations have no objections to the proposed amendments to the Act as it relates to navigation safety and shipping activities on NSW waters, provided:


- the coordinates for declared protection zones are accurately recorded on all naval charts; and
- the Commonwealth Government takes into consideration all potential adverse impacts on port operations and shipping activity when considering the declaration of any protection zones.

The declaration of protection zones and the size of those zones have the potential to impact the length of coal ship queues if ship operators are required to avoid anchoring in protection zones. While protection zones are marked on naval charts, NPC advises it considers some protection zones are inaccurately marked.

NSW Maritime and the port corporations support the ratification of the UNESCO 2001 *Convention for the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage*, including its Annex.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact NSW Maritime's General Manager Policy and Strategy [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

  
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