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From: Sutton Michael
Sent: Thursday, 17 December 2015 3:27 PM
To: FINLAY Jess
Cc: ZIELKE Judith; OPOKU Naa; Media (Infrastructure)
Subject: RE: mua court action [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Jess – suggested points follow.

I have not included anything in here about the fact that the MV Portland is occupying a berth in Portland at the moment (because MUA members are refusing to sail it), but that issue is starting to threaten cruise ship arrivals into the town and is attracting media coverage – see <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-12-17/fears-mv-portland-dispute-may-threaten-cruise-ship-visit/7036212>

- The Federal Court's decision has confirmed the validity of the temporary licence issued to Alcoa of Australia for the transport of alumina from Western Australia to Portland.
- The temporary licence was issued under the legislation put in place by the former Government
- There is nothing in that legislation that requires a holder of a general licence to use a general licenced vessel where it is uneconomic to do so
- The application for the temporary licence followed a commercial decision by Alcoa to withdraw its ageing Australian licenced vessel, the MV Portland, from service and sell the vessel
- Other Australian general licence holders were approached about the carriage of the cargo specified in the temporary licence application and none expressed an interest in doing so
- In this situation without the issue of a temporary licence Alcoa may not have had a viable way of transporting alumina to its Portland smelter, putting the smelter's future and more than 2000 direct and indirect jobs at risk.

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From: Finlay Jess
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Thanks Michael, I've just separately sent you an email seeking some lines appropriate to use with media as we are being asked for comment.

Thanks,

Jess

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