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Dear Mr. Ritchie,

We write to request an urgent meeting to discuss your coastal shipments of refined petroleum.

After our productive dialogue in March with your predecessor, Andrew Brewer, and his request to put our proposals in writing to you, we were shocked to receive your letter of 3 July which appeared to be a cursory dismissal of the proposals we made. We were even more disturbed at the lack of honesty in the way in which you have dealt with the *Alexander Spirit* crew. As you are aware, they discovered your plans to sack them from other workers at Caltex terminals in Tasmania, despite Caltex being in a dialogue with the MUA during this period.

We would like to discuss your plans to use Port Botany as a hub for coastal shipments from this month, which raises several questions:

1. How many shipments per year will Caltex be using to supply this new coastal import hub, and on what type of ships? We are surprised that you say in your 3 July letter that 'we do not foresee that we will have sufficient demand for an LR1 tanker to maintain full utilisation of the vessel', given that your Port Botany Kurnell *Environmental Impact Statement* said that Caltex relies on the Kurnell berths to supply 40-50% of NSW and the ACT's total fuel needs, and the berths are being modified to accommodate larger refined petroleum tankers.
2. What vessels does Caltex intend to use for coastal shipments originating in Port Botany? Will these be Australian crewed?
3. Does Caltex still have the contract to supply Tasmania and where will Tasmania be supplied from?

4. When did Caltex make these plans? It appears to us that Caltex's plans have been confirmed since at least 17 June, despite the company waiting until 2 July to notify the crew of the *Alexander Spirit*.

We are very disappointed with the disrespect Caltex has shown for the seafaring crews it has relied on for years to safely distribute fuel around the Australian coast, and look forward to improving this relationship through an honest dialogue about your company's future shipping needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. M. W.', written in a cursive style.

Assistant National Secretary