

IALA Council Candidacy Australia

Why IALA is important to Australia

Australia receives over 30,000 port visits from international ships each year. We maintain a network of approximately 11,250 aids to navigation managed by a combination of Australia's Commonwealth and State Governments. It is our goal to ensure all ships operating in Australia's waters can safely navigate through our challenging and pristine marine environment.

This is achieved, in part, by the implementation of high-quality standards for aids to navigation that are internationally recognised and implemented. Australia relies on the guidance and technical assistance offered by IALA to harmonise its aids to navigation network for this purpose.

Australia is a signatory to international maritime conventions, including the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). Accordingly, we accept and address our obligation to ensure there are sufficient and suitable aids to navigation along our coast, and we implement the guidance recommended by the International Maritime Organization (including IALA standards and recommendations).

Australia's ongoing support of IALA

Australia is an active member of IALA's governing Council and an active participant in IALA Committees.

Australia supports and promotes the goals of IALA by:

- being actively involved in the work of IALA's technical committees, including playing leading roles in key areas such as digital technology, engineering, and vessel traffic services
- participating in IALA sponsored seminars, conferences, and workshops.
- assisting IALA in its capacity building activities in the Asia Pacific region by providing expert assistance to national authorities responsible for the provision of aids to navigation.

Australia's candidacy

Australia will continue to support the work of IALA as it moves into the future, both as a new organisation and as it promotes its objectives including innovation in digitisation and technical development for provision of aids to navigation.

We will assist IALA by engaging in meaningful discussion about its strategic direction, by supporting its governance and technical work and by doing what we can to promote the activities of the World Wide Academy in our region.

We look forward to continuing our engagement with colleagues from across the world as we take the vision of IALA – to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels for the benefit of the maritime community and the environment – to 2027 and beyond.