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VTS support and interaction with allied services

# Summary

The attached document contains comments and suggested changes to the Draft IALA Guideline on VTS support and interaction with allied services.

## Purpose of the document

This document is provided as input to the VTS Committee to assist completion of Task 11 – Produce a Guideline on VTS Support and interaction with allied services in emergency situations, SAR, disaster management, law enforcement and regulatory compliance.

# Background

The Australian VTS Working Group (VTSWG) is a consultative group to facilitate communication and information sharing between VTS authorities and key stakeholders. Included in the terms of Reference for the Group are:

* Facilitate a common understanding of the delivery of vessel traffic services across Australia.
* Facilitate the promotion of a standardised approach to the delivery of vessel traffic services that reflect international best practices, obligations and guidelines.
* Provide a mechanism for VTS authorities to contribute to the preparation and review of relevant IALA guidance on VTS as identified in the IALA quadrennial work programme.

At it’s meeting in April 2012 the Group reviewed the Draft IALA Guideline on VTS support and interaction with allied services.

# Discussion

The comments and suggested changes are provided in track mode in the attached document.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is invited to consider the Input Paper in progressing Task 11 - Produce a Guideline on VTS Support and interaction with allied services in emergency situations, SAR, disaster management, law enforcement and regulatory compliance.