

Christchurch City Council
Banks Peninsula Community Board

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SUBMISSION ON: MARPOL Annex VI: Treaty to Reduce Air Pollution in Ports and Harbours

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The Banks Peninsula Community Board appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Ministry of Transport's consultation on MARPOL Annex VI: Treaty to Reduce Air Pollution in Ports and Harbours.

The Board's statutory role is, "to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community" (Local Government Act 2002, section 52). The Board provides this submission in its capacity as a representative of the port town of Lyttelton, where over 1000 container ships arrive annually, and the settlements around Akaroa Harbour on Banks Peninsula, where over 90 cruise ships visit per season.

Akaroa and Lyttelton Harbours both have significant environmental and cultural values, including stunning landscapes, sites of ecological significance, extensive coastlines and native bush and wildlife. Four Papatipu Rūnanga and local communities live and play around these harbours while many visitors from Christchurch, Canterbury and overseas enjoy the area each year. The Peninsula's unique environment creates a sense of place that forms part of our identity.

One of our community's key priorities is that our environment, including air quality, is well-managed, sustained and enhanced to improve public health and protect our heritage.

We have an opportunity to demonstrate New Zealand's commitment to a green, healthy environment. The Board therefore recommends that New Zealand sign the International Maritime Organisation treaty, Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 to improve air quality around our ports and harbours and align New Zealand with international best practice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark above the 'i' in Richardson.

Pam Richardson
Chairperson, Banks Peninsula Community Board