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To whom it may concern,

I am a NZ Citizen, and a Master Mariner holding a NZ Certificate of Competency.

New Zealand should ratify MARPOL Annex VI.

As a NZ seafarer I have found it almost embarrassing that NZ has fallen behind in the ratification of international minimum standards, such as with air pollution. I note that Belize, Congo, Ghana and Guatemala have all ratified MARPOL Annex VI.

A number of other countries have already ratified Annex VI, and New Zealand's failure to ratify the Annex creates issues when NZ ships arrive in foreign ports (such as Australia). I am aware of a recent example of a NZ ship narrowly avoiding being detained during Annex VI issues, which would not have existed if New Zealand had ratified Annex VI in a more expedient fashion.

I would also like to take this opportunity to enquire when NZ will ratify MARPOL Annex IV (sewage pollution)?

Kind regards,

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