

ROYAL VOLUNTEER COASTAL PATROL

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COASTAL PATROL RESCUE



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Mrs. Claudia Leslie
Productivity Commission
P.O. Box 80
BELCONNEN ACT 2016

Dear Mrs Leslie,

Further to our recent telephone conversation I thank you for the information supplied in respect to the enquiry into the Review of Australians General Tariff Arrangements.

In respect to the Assistant Treasurers reference to the terms of the enquiry, I make the following submissions.

Point 2. (a) My submission will have no effect on the overall efficiency of the Australian economy the unit in question being very specialised and infrequent in their requirement.

- (b) No effect
- (c) No effect
- (d) No effect
- (e) No effect

Patron in Chief:
His Royal Highness,
The Prince of Wales

Patron:
Chief of Naval Staff
Royal Australian Navy

Founded 1937:
Capt M Blackwood
DSO, RN, and
H W G Nobbs & W Giles

Awarded 1941:
NSW Government Ensign
since granted —
the State Ensigns
of Victoria
and South Australia

Awarded 1945:
Water Police Service
'Nemesis' Pennant

Para 3. Benefits will be to the Australian Community

Our Challenge - Safety of Life at Sea

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Para 4	(a)	No effect
	(b)	No effect
	(c)	No effect
	(d)	No effect
	(e)	No effect
	(f)	No effect
	(g)	No effect
	(h)	No effect
	(i)	No effect
	(j)	No effect
	(k)	No effect

With the nil effect (apart from benefit to the Australian community) the question must be asked what is the relevance in the tariff schedule that creates a problem which necessitates a submission to the Productivity Commission.

The reference is tariff classification 89.06. Section 3 of this heading defines.

'Lifeboats for the placing on board ships, as well intended to be placed at certain points around the coast to help ships in distress'.

In schedule 3, 8906 'other vessels, including warships and lifeboats other than rowing boats' 8906.00.10 not exceeding 150 gross construction terms Duty 5%.

The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol being virtually a self funded organisation accept help wherever it is available.

As a member of the International Lifeboat Federation we have access to worldwide information in respect to Marine safety and search rescue.

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Duty charged at present under 89.06 is 5%.

I make the following submission to the Commission.

Purpose built lifeboats to be stationed on ship or on shore
Classification 8906. 00. 10

Nil % Tariff

I am sure you will realise now my contention that the effect on our trade relations and Australian

Purpose built lifeboats to be stationed on ship or on shore

Nil % Tariff

Yours faithfully,


KEITH JENKINS
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL