**VTS35** Input paper

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Draft Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20)

# Summary

The attached document contains comments and suggested changes to the Draft Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) from VTS34.

## Purpose of the document

This document is provided as input to the VTS Committee to assist completion of Task 3 - Review/update/provide input to IMO on Resolution A.857 (20) - Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services.

# 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 its meeting in April 2011 the Group reviewed the draft revision of A.857(20) from VTS34 with a view to providing comment back to IALA.

# 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 forward to Input Paper to the Operations Working Group for their consideration in progressing Task 3 - Review/update/provide input to IMO on Resolution A.857 (20) - Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services