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Hi there,

Here is my submission

1. Yes, New Zealand should accede to MARPOL Annex VI

2. In my view the advantages of

- reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality around our ports and harbours
- provide investment certainty to domestic ship owners and fuel suppliers
- demonstrate commitment to the 'level playing field' for international maritime regulation that we benefit from as a trading and maritime nation.

far outweigh the costs for ship owners who will have to purchase more expensive, cleaner fuel. Fuel cost is generally a minor component in the total cost of international shipping, so the impacts to importers and exporters of quality goods is unlikely to be an issue.

3. Industrial boilers in NZ have to comply with emission standards, so I believe ships in NZ waters should not be allowed to emit the huge amounts of pollution that they currently do. Pollution is pollution: the world is too precious to keep polluting at the current rate.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit on this. I'm happy to be contacted at this email address if you want to ask me anything more.

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