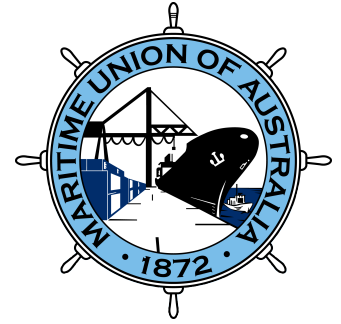


# Fight to Survive – MUA members demand a National Stevedoring Code of Practice



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## **Companies Attempt to Block New Code of Practice**

Only one day after father of two Greg Fitzgibbon, 56, was killed while working in Newcastle, major stevedoring companies have made a last ditch attempt to block the code. Employers are trying to prevent improvements to safety, even though fatalities continue to occur in the industry. MUA members have been outraged at the insensitivity of the timing.

The new code of practice is the best opportunity in a generation to improve safety on the waterfront.

But major stevedoring employers – DP World, Asciano/Patrick, and QUBE – have joined together with the representatives of foreign shippers, Shipping Australia, to reject a significant proportion of the content of the draft Code of Practice.

This is outrageous given the tragic incident that occurred in Newcastle which demonstrates more than ever the need for better safety standards in stevedoring.

## **It's time to step up the fight**

We will not rest until safety on the waterfront is secured. The MUA is coordinating a broad-ranging campaign involving legal, political, workplace and communications strategies to fight this employers' war on safety.

In the meantime, let's keep up the pressure in each and every workplace. We must send a strong message to these companies that safety matters.



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