



The role of shipping commissions
in improving service delivery in the Pacific

Presentation Outline

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WHY?

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BASIS FOR ACTION

Irregular Shipping affecting PICT's sustainability continue to dominate the transport agenda of:

- Forum Island Leaders meetings
- Small Island States (SIS) Leaders meetings

In 2006 the Leaders provided definitive decisions on the way forward.



Forum Island Leaders
and SIS Leaders



SIS Transport Leaders

Shipping is a key driver for socio-economic development in the region

- Shipping - underpins trade, food security, employment opportunities.
- Is a key priority for the region.
- PICTs importers of goods and services; however, individually their import volumes do not meet the economic threshold of private shipping companies to profitably provide regular shipping.
- Distance between islands are long & thin
- Shipping not regular or not affordable for most small economies of the region.

THE CHALLENGE

Providing regular and affordable shipping Services to the small island states.

SHIPPING TRENDS IN THE PACIFIC & THE SHIPPING COMMISSIONS

In carefully studying shipping patterns in the region, EDD realises the very close collaboration amongst shipping companies render little or no competition to the PICTs resulting in a near cartel environment.

[An appropriate regulatory regime is needed to regulate cartel-like operations & at the same time protect approved Operators from cherry pickers especially in a small market economy of the SIS]

To address this situation, regulating international shipping services (through a Treaty or MoA) along the lines of the Micronesian Shipping Commission (MSC) model is planned.

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THE SHIPPING ENVIRONMENT

*“.....there is no single solution
to address regional shipping issues”*

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MAJOR PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS – PICTS:

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- Small market economy - low cargo volumes inbound, less or no cargo outbound,
- Irregular shipping affecting SIS supplies, seasonal
- high shipping freight rates.
- high fuel costs,
- limited or no port facilities,
- large infrastructure development & maintenance costs – high port costs.
- increasingly regulated operating environment
- Low technology & efficiency levels
- long distances & thin routes,
- Limited resources - HR & Finance



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ices the profitable routes
al economic downturn continues
ding patterns from
Australia towards Asia

operations by shipping companies through mergers
lacing smaller ships with larger economical ones and
ucrative routes

have had to reduce services or form alliance with
or get out of business or shift to less profitable

been approached by ship owners' representatives to
sive agreement to provide a service,
tended to pull out their service if others join.

