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Dept of Home Affairs
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Drone Security Consultation Paper 2026.

Drones and gyrocopters could be used to deliver deadly biological attacks on ships via their fresh air inlets. Passenger ships and oil tankers and the port facilities that serve them are deemed "high risk" due their having been subjected to terrorist attacks in Europe and the Middle East in recent decades.

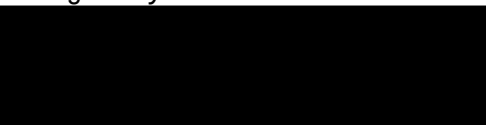
Under the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003, a Waterside Restricted Zone (WRZ) extends to the seabed.

Introducing an Aerial Restricted Zone (ARZ) as part of maritime security risk mitigation especially for "high risk" ships and the port facilities that serve them, would enable penalties to be applied for unauthorised intrusions.

Typically, an ARZ could extend at least 100m above Landside and Waterside Restricted Zones. The precise height could be based on the air draft of the largest ship which interfaces with the port facility.

Yours truly,

Pelagus Pty Ltd



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