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Dear Captain,

Past incidents have highlighted difficulties our Marine Pilots have experienced accessing the vessel deck after arriving via the pilot transfer helicopter on some vessels. The equipment provided has not met the required standard and failed while in use by our Marine Pilot leading to a serious incident.

Vessel Masters are required to ensure that all vessel equipment which will be used by the Marine pilots is checked prior to the pilot's arrival and it is fit for use. This includes pilot ladder, helicopter landing hatch access ladders, stanchions, handholds and stairways.

The safety of our employees is paramount and we cannot accept our employees being exposed to such risks in the future.

If any vessel equipment is found to be defective or not fit for use, the pilot will decline the pilotage until the fault has been rectified and deficiencies will be notified to AMSA.

On behalf of;

Port Authority of New South Wales - Newcastle