

to a buoy or anchored in any port in Australia will cause interference. These radars are to be radiated only for essential maintenance and then at minimum power to achieve aims. Transmission into dummy loads is to be used whenever possible.

Scientific Research

The Department has the honour to inform the Embassy, that the Australian Government, in accordance with the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea* has approved scientific observation of the ocean by the vessel. The Department also welcomes the offer of the Scripps Institution to provide bathymetric data along the tracks of the *Melville* to Geoscience Australia. The Department has the honour to remind the Embassy that, in accordance with Australia's Foreign Research Vessels Guidelines and Article 249(b) and (d) of the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*, it is a condition of approval that the results of any research be made available to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as soon as practicable.

Accordingly, the Department has the further honour to inform the Embassy that the Australian Government has determined that the vessel enjoys Public Vessel Status.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



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