

IndustriALL Rio Tinto global union network solidarity resolution with Maritime Union of Australia

The IndustriALL Rio Tinto global union network meeting welcomes the participation of Warren Smith, assistant national secretary of Maritime Union of Australia (MUA), in the conference and extends our fraternal greetings and solidarity to MUA members and officials.

The network is alarmed at the report that Rio Tinto refuses to comply with the terms of its memorandum of understanding with MUA to guarantee minimum Australian crewing on its Australian shipping, and condemns the company for yet again walking away from its public commitments.

The network also condemns the actions of the Australian government for its support and encouragement of the replacement of Australian crews on domestic shipping routes by poorly paid and shockingly treated foreign workers.

In both campaigns and struggles, the network extends our best wishes for MUA victories and offers our unconditional support.