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15th Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC15) & Technical Workshop on Implementing Hydrographic Governance Nuku'alofa, Tonga - 19-23 February 2018

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Dear Sir/Madam,

1. SWPHC Circular Letter 02/2017 dated 3rd October 2017 provided information about the SWPHC15 Meeting and Technical Workshop to be held in Nuku'alofa, Tonga from 19th to 23rd February 2018. Those intending to participate were requested to register for these events.
2. I am pleased to inform there was a record number of applicants for the 'Technical Workshop on Implementing Hydrographic Governance' to be conducted on 19-20 February 2018 as part of the IHO Capacity Building Work Programme. The successful candidates have been informed and New Zealand (SWPHC CB Coordinator), in consultation with the IHO Secretariat, is in the process of organising their travel and accommodation arrangements.
3. The meeting agenda and associated documentation will be circulated in due course. A delegation from the Indonesian Hydrographic and Oceanographic Centre (Pushidrosal) has been invited to attend SWPHC15 Meeting as an Observer. Pushidrosal has expressed interest in discussing co-operation on hydrographic matters and capacity building with the SWPHC member states.
4. Finally I wish to let you know that I shall be retiring as the Hydrographer of Australia on 15th December 2017, and will be succeeded by Commodore Fiona Freeman, RAN. It is with great pride that I can say I was part of the 'SWPHC team' that continues to raise the awareness of the importance of hydrography in the region, and to date has accomplished some good outcomes for capacity building in the region. I am sure that Fiona can count on your continued support in maintaining and building the valuable relationship and cooperation that exists amongst the SWPHC members.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A - Distribution List

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