## Australia – A Shipping Nation or a Nation of Shippers?

Martin Ferguson, AM, MP Shadow Minister for Transport

## MARTIN FERGUSON AM, MP

On 2nd March, 1996 Martin Ferguson was elected to the House of Representatives for Batman, Victoria.

Prior to entering Federal Parliament, Martin was elected unopposed as President of the ACTU on 18 April, 1990, following the election of Simon Crean to Federal Parliament.

As President of the ACTU Martin served on various advisory councils, boards and committees including the Social Security Review, Economic Planning Advisory Council, the National Labour Consultative Council, the Advance Australia Foundation, Australian Government's Agri Food Council and the Trade Development Council.

Martin went to the ACTU after fifteen years service with the Miscellaneous Workers Union.

During his period with the Miscellaneous Workers Union he worked as a Research Officer and was elected Assistant General Secretary in 1981 and finally as General Secretary in 1984, a position he held up until his resignation to go the ACTU.