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The Commonwealth Government Structure for Maritime Security

Previous Arrangements

The Current Arrangement – Border Protection Command





Benefits

Coherence in maritime law enforcement

Inter-governmental liaison

Improved maritime counter terrorism arrangements

Civil/ military distinction maintained

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Operational control only - limited overheads



LIMITATIONS

Not a warfighting command nor a general policing service

Not a statutory agency

Fragmented legislation





Proposed Structures

Renaming as the 'Coastguard'

A separate agency within a new department





CONCLUSION

