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Lyttelton Port fatality

The Rail and Maritime Transport Union has expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the friends and loved ones of a Port worker who has died on the job.

Wayne Butson, General Secretary, Rail & Maritime Transport Union said that the union was shocked to hear of the loss of life yesterday of Maritime Union Branch President Brad Fletcher at the Port of Lyttelton.

Our condolences go to the family, workmates and friends of Brad. Our members are deeply saddened by yesterday's news.

Wayne Butson said that the Port of Lyttelton needed to urgently lift its game on health and safety.

All workers should be able to go to work each day, and return home safe and well. Port of Lyttelton has been warned by regulators about health and safety standards, following two fatalities late last year. It is unacceptable that another worker has lost their life while problems at the Port are being fixed, he said.

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