

Maritime Safety Queensland  
Queensland Notices to Mariners  
**026 (Temporary) of 2012**

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## **Townsville pilotage area**

**Locality:** Ross River

**Activity:** Port Access Road Bridge - air draught and beam restrictions

**Refer to notice:** 548 (T), 694 (T), 802 (T), 918 (T) & 1187 (T) of 2011

Mariners are advised that construction activities in Ross River associated with the Port Access Road Bridge as detailed in Notice to Mariners 548 (T) of 2011 commenced on 3 May 2011 and will continue through to December 2012. Construction activity involving lifting activities, crane operations, barge operations and girder launching across the river has commenced.

Mariners are reminded

- a) the maximum air draught (vertical distance measured from the water line to the highest point on a vessel including rigging) of vessels permitted to transit the bridge area is 6.0 metres; and
- b) the maximum beam (width of a vessel at its widest point) of vessels permitted to transit the bridge area is 8.5 metres.

Any vessel intending to transit the bridge site with dimensions exceeding either the air draught or the beam restrictions, must call 0420 372 093 or alternatively 0400 737 689 to obtain permission prior to doing so.

Large vessels and vessels under tow with beam greater than 8.5 metres will need to complete a risk assessment that meets the Harbour Masters requirements prior to being granted permission. It is recommended that contact is made at least 72 hours prior to intended transit to avoid delays.

Vessels exceeding the maximum air draft should relocate downstream of the bridge site prior to 1 March 2012.

Mariners are advised to navigate with extreme caution within the construction area and adhere to the 6 knot speed limit

**AUS charts affected:** 256, 257 & 827

**Maritime Safety Queensland charts affected:** none

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Note: latitude and longitude positions on WGS84 horizontal datum (compatible with GDA94 datum).

**For further information about this notice, please contact:**

The Townsville Regional Harbour Master's office on 07 4726 3400

**Authorised by:** Director (Maritime Services)

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