

## **694 (Temporary) of 2011**

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### **Townsville pilotage area**

**Locality:** Ross River, Townsville

**Activity:** construction of Port Access Road Bridge

**Refer to notice:** 402 (T) & 548 (T) of 2011

Mariners are advised that construction activities in Ross River associated with the Port Access Road Bridge as detailed in Queensland Notice to Mariners 402 (T) of 2011 continues to proceed as per schedule. Work commenced on Tuesday, 3 May 2011 and will continue through to December 2012. Construction activities include pile driving, lifting activities, crane operations and barge works.

From Monday, 1 August 2011, construction work will commence on the middle pier structure of the bridge. The navigable width between the middle pier and the northern pier will progressively reduce to 22 meters and the following restrictions will apply from Monday, 1 August 2011 to ensure safe movement of vessels through the works.

1. The area between the middle pier and the Southern pier will remain closed till the completion of the bridge
2. Maximum beam of vessel through the construction area is not to exceed 8 meters
3. In exceptional circumstances the Regional Harbour Master may approve the transit of vessels above 8m beam subject to a risk assessment
4. Masters must announce their approach to the bridge on VHF channel 16 to all vessels using the river and make necessary passing arrangements
5. As a general rule, priority for the use of the navigation channel in the restricted area should be given to the vessel that is travelling in the direction of the tidal flow. The give way vessel should then stem the tide at a safe distance from the restricted area
6. Masters of all vessels must advise early notification to the construction site foreman of the intent to transit through the construction area by phone on 0420 372 093 or 0427 036 506
7. Mariners are advised to navigate with extreme caution within the construction area and adhere to the 6 knot speed limit

**Cancel notice:** 402 (T) of 2011

**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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