

Maritime Safety Queensland  
Queensland Notices to Mariners

**918 (Temporary) of 2011**

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**Townsville pilotage area**

**Locality:** Ross River, Townsville

**Activity:** construction of Port Access Road Bridge - night river closure

**Refer to notice:** 548 (T) of 2011, 694 (T) of 2011 & 802 (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 548 (T) of 2011 continues to proceed as per schedule. Work commenced on 3 May 2011 and will continue through to December 2012. Construction activities include pile driving, lifting activities, crane operations and barge works.

Mariners are advised that in addition to the closures referred in Queensland Notice to Mariners 802 (T) of 2011, the Ross River may be closed to vessel traffic for short periods not exceeding 30 minutes between 1800 hours and 2200 hours commencing Wednesday, 28 September 2011 and continuing until 7 October 2011. During these night closures, the section of the river from 500 metres upstream of the bridge works to 500 metres downstream of the bridge works will be closed to all traffic.

Townsville VTS will notify mariners of impending closure on VHF channel 16 approximately 2 hours prior to the actual closure.

The construction company (TPAR) will maintain a patrol vessel upstream and downstream of the area and advise vessels intending to transit the works during the closure to hold off until it is safe to do so. Mariners are advised to comply with the instructions and remain outside the exclusion zone (the section of the river from 500 metres upstream of the bridge works to 500 metres downstream of the bridge works) until cleared to transit by the patrol vessel.

Masters of all vessels must advise early notification to the construction site foreman of the intent to transit through the construction area by mobile phone on 0420 372 093 or 0427 036 506.

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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