

PORT SECURITY ADVICE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

BACKGROUND

In the event of a heightened or exceptional security level being declared at the Port of Mourilyan, additional security measures will be put in place on both the land and sea around the port.

Boat skippers operating in the port area will need to be mindful to always observe restricted areas on the water.

SECURITY LEVELS

The following three security levels have been adopted by the government and maritime industry across Australia.

- **Level 1 (Normal):** the level for which minimum appropriate protective security measures will be maintained in the Port of Mourilyan.
- **Level 2 (Heightened):** the level for which appropriate additional protective security measures will be maintained, for a period of time, as a result of the heightened risk of a security incident, and
- **Level 3 (Exceptional):** the level for which further specific protective security measures will be maintained, for a limited period of time, when a security incident is probable or imminent, although it may not be possible to identify the specific target.

It is expected that Level 2 and 3 would be rare, short-term events. The Federal Government will notify ports when the security level has been raised, based on intelligence advice.



Port of Mourilyan - Water Side Restricted Zone - Version 1

PUBLIC ACCESS LAND-SIDE

The Main Wharf will continue to be off limits to unauthorised personnel at all times, as has been the case for several years. **At Security Levels 2 and 3, the Main Wharf is designated a land-side restricted zone, with higher levels of security, when a ship is in port plus an hour before its arrival. The existing security fences on the wharf define the restricted area.** Any breaches of this land-side restricted zone is an offence under the *Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003*.

Parking is strictly prohibited at all times on the roadway next to the Main Wharf. Offending vehicles may be removed at the owner's cost.

Entry to the Mourilyan Bulk Sugar Terminal will continue through the main office. Visitors will be provided with a Visitors Pass if their entry is authorised. Photo ID will be required for proof of identity.

At Security Level 2, the main road through the general port area will be closed at a point near the Customs Building before the Main Wharf. Unauthorised vehicles and pedestrians will not be allowed into this area. The public will still be allowed access to the Public Wharf.

At Security Level 3, the entire port area will be off limits. The boat ramp will be closed while the port is at this extreme level of security. However, access will still be provided to authorised personnel, such as the Volunteer Coast Guard and other authorised port users.

PUBLIC ACCESS WATER-SIDE

At Security Level 1, only routine safety/security requirements apply to any vessels using Mourilyan Harbour. Normal safety restrictions preventing mooring of vessels in the swing basin continue to apply.

At Security Level 2, a water-side restricted zone applies around the Main Wharf when a ship is on the wharf. The zone will extend from the shore adjacent to the Main Wharf to 60 metres from the berth face and from 50 metres on the western side of the Main Wharf to 60 metres on the east.

At Security Level 3, the water-side restricted zone is expanded to include the whole of Mourilyan Harbour swing basin. This zone will only apply when a ship is at the berth. The boat ramp will be closed at this extreme level of security.

Signs will be posted at the boat ramp when these security zones come into force. Entry to the boat ramp area will be restricted at Level 3 security.

BREACHING PORT SECURITY ZONES

Breaches of port security zones would jeopardise the security and operation of the port and anyone caught breaching the rules faces heavy fines. Port and sugar terminal staff have been instructed to be on the lookout for breaches and will adopt a zero tolerance.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF PORT SECURITY

Apart from observing the access restrictions, the general public and boat owners are asked to be on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour in the port that may indicate a security threat. This should be reported to Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited or Queensland Sugar Limited staff. Your co-operation would be much valued.

These security measures have been implemented Australia-wide and the port authority and sugar terminal operator asks for your understanding and assistance in meeting our security obligations.

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