

ADVICE

Issued by Cairns Maritime Region on 10 October 2024

Area: Far North Queensland

Locality: Johnstone River – Fossey Park foreshore

Activity: fireworks display

Mariners are advised that:

A fireworks display will be conducted on Saturday 12th October 2024 at the Johnstone River, Fossey Park foreshore. The fireworks launch pontoon will be positioned in approximate position latitude 17° 31.309' S, longitude 146° 01.987' E with an exclusion zone of 100m from the firing position between 1945 to 2045 hours.

Please refer to the attached Harbour Master's Direction and A1-544-2 map.

Mariners are to navigate with caution.

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

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Notice authorised by: Regional Harbour Master (Cairns) - Maritime Safety Queensland

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HARBOUR MASTER'S DIRECTION

Direction to master about operations of ship

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994

Section 86A – General Direction

Section – Direction to Master about Operation of Ship

I, **Captain David Ferguson, Regional Harbour Master Cairns**, am appointed as a harbour master under part 7 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* (the Act).

Pursuant to section 86 of the Act, a harbour master may give a direction if the harbour master reasonably considers it necessary to give the direction to ensure safety. In giving that direction, the harbour master must have regard to the need to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Queensland maritime industry.

Further, pursuant to section 86A of the Act, the harbour master may give a **general direction** that applies to all ship owners, ship masters, ships, other persons or matters.

Mariners are advised that the fireworks will be conducted on Saturday 12th October 2024 between the hours of 1800 to 2130 hours, with a firing time of 2000 hours.

The fireworks prohibited area exists in the Johnstone River adjacent to the foreshore of Fossey Park, Fitzgerald Esplanade Innisfail. Ships operations will be restricted in this area.

The Johnstone River adjacent to the foreshore of Fossey Park will be closed from the firing point, approximate position latitude 17° 31.309'S, longitude 146° 01.987'E with an exclusion zone of 100 metres from firing point, between 1945 hours and 2045 hours on Saturday 12th October 2024.

Only those ships that are authorised to enter the closed pilotage area will be permitted within the closed area.

Refer attached map A1-544-2.

I give this general direction to ensure marine safety and to enable the effectiveness and efficiency of the maritime industry during the fireworks.

I HEREBY GENERALLY DIRECT THAT:

On Saturday 12th October 2024 from 1945 hours to 2045 hours

A master of a ship within the area as defined on the reference map A1-544-2 must not navigate, anchor or otherwise operate the ship within the defined closure area unless authorised to do so.

All ships within the closed area of Johnstone River adjacent to the foreshore of Fossey Park will be under the control and direction of the Regional Harbour Master to ensure marine safety.

My direction does not apply to ships owned and operated by the following entities:

- Queensland Police Service;
- Department of Transport and Main Roads;
- Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol; or
- A volunteer marine rescue association accredited by Emergency Management Queensland;
- Safety tender/pontoon for Xplosive Art Fireworks

A person commits an offence against section 88 of the Act if that person contravenes my direction without a reasonable excuse. The maximum penalty for such an offence is 200 penalty units for an individual.

Further, pursuant to sections 93 and 94 of the Act, if a person contravenes my direction, then a harbour master may, to the extent necessary to ensure safety, carry out the direction and remove the ship.

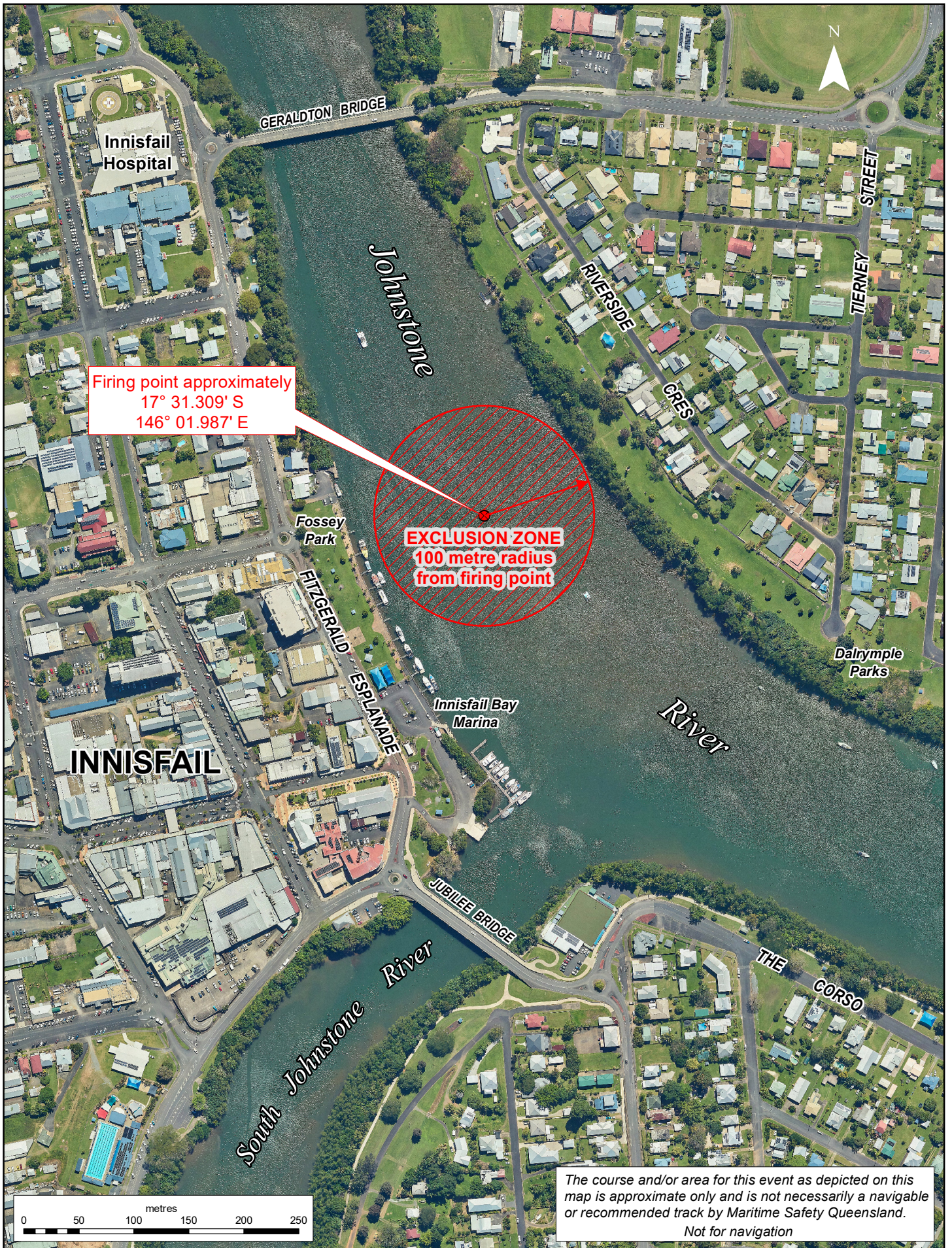
If a harbour master incurs expense in exercising that power because a ship's master did not comply with the direction, then the owner and master of the ship are liable for that expense.


Captain David Ferguson
Regional Harbour Master (Cairns)

DATED AT CAIRNS THIS *1st* DAY OF *October* 2024

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Firing point approximately
 17° 31.309' S
 146° 01.987' E

EXCLUSION ZONE
 100 metre radius
 from firing point

The course and/or area for this event as depicted on this map is approximate only and is not necessarily a navigable or recommended track by Maritime Safety Queensland.
 Not for navigation

Map: A1-544-2

Horizontal datum: GDA2020
 Map projection: UTM MGA55
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AQUATIC EVENT
INNISFAIL RIVERFEST FIREWORKS
JOHNSTONE RIVER
 19:45 - 20:45 on 12 October 2024

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