

# Port Procedures and Information for Shipping - Port of Cairns

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**Harbour Master's Direction**  
**Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994**  
**Division 2, Subdivision 1, Sections 88 – 92**

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

Under section 86 of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 a harbour master may give a direction only if the harbour master reasonably considers it necessary to ensure safety. Further, section 86A of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 enables a harbour master to give a general direction that applies to all ship owners, ship masters, ships, other persons or matters.

I am satisfied that it is necessary to issue this direction to ensure marine safety in the Port of Cairns. Sections of the Port Procedures and Information for Shipping – Port of Cairns (<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Shipping>) are mandatory and must be complied with.

**I DIRECT THAT:**

The Port Procedures and Information for Shipping – Port of Cairns must be complied with by all vessels within the Port of Cairns.

**Note:**

**It is an offence to fail to comply with my direction without reasonable excuse. It is also an offence to obstruct a harbour master in the exercise of a power. The maximum penalty is \$20,000 for an individual for each offence. If you fail to comply with my direction, then I may carry out the direction myself, and recover all expenses associated with performing the direction from you as a debt in civil jurisdiction.**



Captain David Ferguson  
Regional Harbour Master – Cairns  
Maritime Safety Queensland  
DATED AT CAIRNS THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of June 2020

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