Port security advice for the general public





In the event of a heightened or exceptional security level being declared at the Port of Abbot Point, 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 security industry across Australia.

- Level 1 (Normal): the level for which minimum appropriate protective security measures will be maintained within the port.
- 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.
- 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 Levels 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.

Public access land-side

Authorised persons may only enter the Abbot Point Coal Terminal. Visitors will be escorted to the administration office and be provided with a visitor's pass if their entry authorised. Photo ID will be required for proof of identity. Vehicles brought onto the site must also be authorised for entry.

If the port is put on heightened security level by the Federal Government, the jetty and off-shore wharf at the coal terminal will become a "land-side restricted zone" under the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003. This area will then be off limits to everyone except authorised personnel.

Anyone found breaching the zone will face heavy fines. Signs will be posted when the zone is in force.

At heightened levels of security, the road to the coal terminal, which is a private road owned by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited will be closed to the public with a security guard in attendance.

Only authorised personnel will be allowed to use the road. Neighbours of the terminal who currently use the road will continue to be conditionally allowed to use the road with authorisation from the terminal. Vehicles may be searched as a condition of use.

Public access water-side

If the port is put on heightened security (security levels 2 and 3), a water-side restricted zone, which is 60 metres from all sides of the offshore wharf/berth, will come into force. The declaration of the zoning will

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Land-side Restriced Zone



Water-side Restriced Zone



Water Side Restricted Zone

be advertised and a Notice to Mariners will be issued.

The map (see left) shows the waterside restricted zone.

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 coal terminal staff have been instructed to be on the look out for breaches and will adopt a zero tolerance.

Community support of port security

Apart from observing the access restriction, the general public and boat owners are asked to be on the look out for any suspicious behaviour in the port that may indicate a security threat. This should be reported to NQBP or Abbot Point Bulkcoal Pty Ltd staff. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

These security measures have been implemented Australia-wide and NQBP and Abbot Point Bulkcoal Pty Ltd ask for your understanding and assistance in meeting our security obligations.

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