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## VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

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**PORT OF GEELONG**

### **NOTICE OF CHANNEL SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

**Date:** 20 November, 2017

**Details:** Channel Safety Improvement Works within Corio bay in the port of Geelong are scheduled to start around November 23, 2017 for a period of approximately 5 weeks. The area where the works will be conducted lies East of Beacon No 5 in the Corio Channel (see attached diagram). The work will be conducted by the 53 meter long jack up grab dipper dredger “Machiavelli” which will have several tugs and barges in attendance. The barges will be used for conveying the dredged material to the designated “disposal” ground North East of Point Wilson. The works are expected to be conducted on a 24 hour basis and the dredger and accompanying craft will display the appropriate day and night marks and lights as required by the International Collision Regulations.

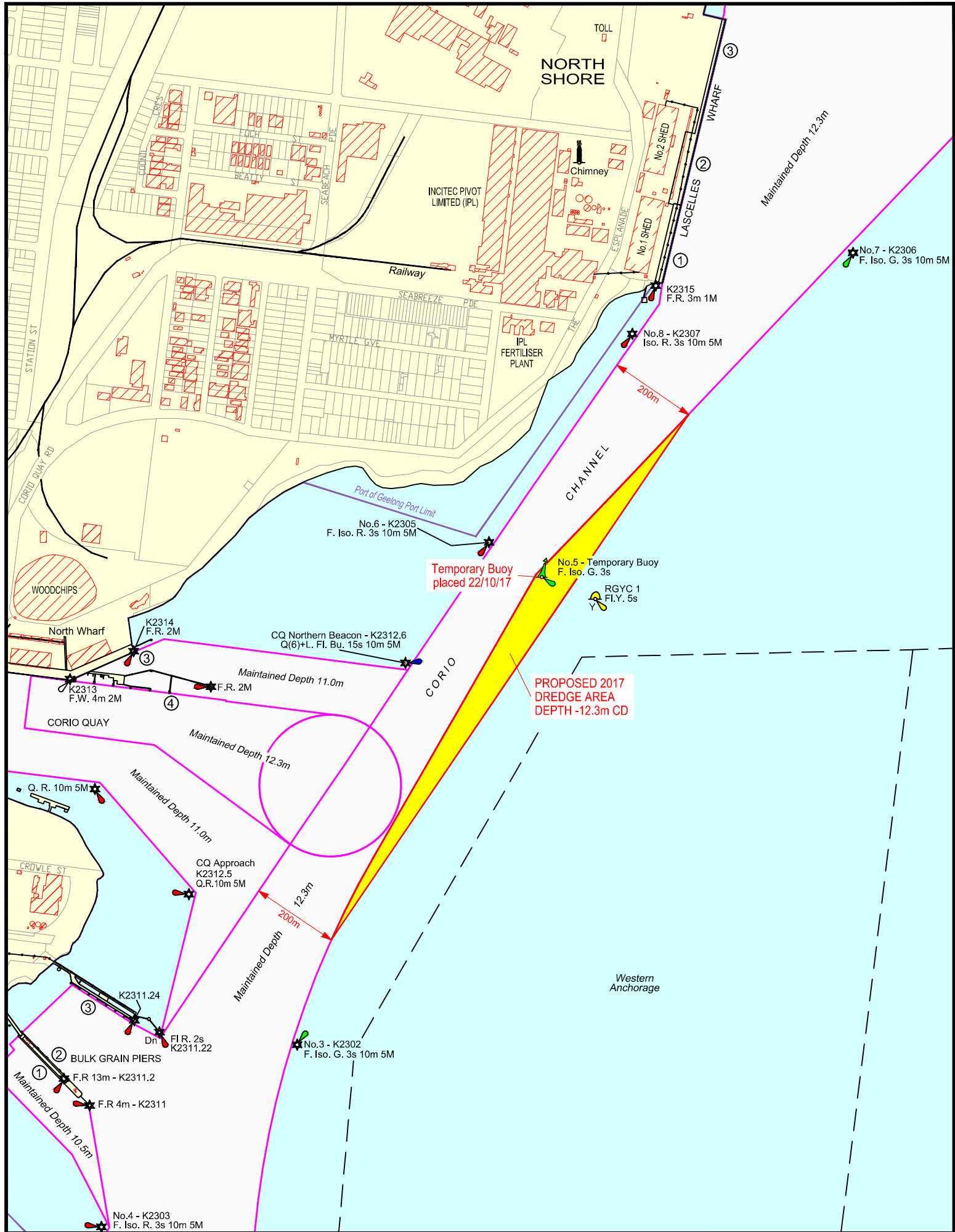
Masters of commercial ships using the channels of Geelong during the dredge operations are advised to maintain a strong maritime domain awareness of the movements of the disposal barges as they make their way between the vicinity of East of Beacon/Buoy No 5 in the Corio Channel and the Point Wilson disposal ground area. Actions like slowing down when passing (if requested) and communicating with the dredger/barges on VHF Channel 12 may need to be introduced into the vessel’s passage plan prior to entering or departing from the port of Geelong to avoid any possible close quarter situation from developing. Non-commercial mariners and all recreational craft are also reminded vide this Public Notice of their safety obligations and are requested not to navigate within a minimum distance 150 meters of the dredger and her accompanying craft at all times. The Duty Marine Controller at Geelong Harbour Control may be contacted at any time on VHF Channel 12 or on 03 5247 0300 for additional information.

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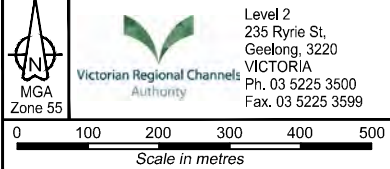
**Affected:** Aus 153.

**Further Notice:** Further Notices will be issued

**CAPTAIN DILIP ABRAHAM  
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**LEGEND**  
Existing Shipping Channel  
Proposed Dredge Area

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**GEELONG DREDGING PROGRAM 2017 PROPOSED DREDGE AREA**  
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