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## Australia – Victoria

No. 354 (T) - 2023

### PORT OF MELBOURNE MARIBYRNONG RIVER WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION WORKS

**Date:** 31 August 2023

**Refers:** NtM 387 (T) - 2022 and is hereby cancelled.  
NtM 217 (T) - 2020 and is hereby cancelled.

**Details:** Mariners and port users are advised that construction works for the West Gate Tunnel Project on the Maribyrnong River to the north of Maribyrnong No. 1 Berth extending to Shepherd Bridge, is now extended until **31 August 2024**.

Mariners are advised that the Maribyrnong River will be subject to full and partial closures between Shepherds Bridge and Youell Street during this period.

Notification of river closures will be provided at:

**<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city>**

Here attached Government Gazette Notice – **No. G 34 - 24 August 2023 - West Gate Tunnel Project Maribyrnong River closures**.

Works are being conducted from **Monday 0600hrs through to Sunday 0500hrs**. The works will include piling and construction of three bridges crossing the river.

The construction zone is delineated with booms and yellow special mark buoys fitted with quick flashing yellow lights as per attached traffic management plan diagrams.

Works are being conducted using the following vessels:

- Jack Up Barge 2 (18 x 22m), serviced by Pontoon L147
- Jack Up Barge 3 (18 x 22m)
- Jack Up Barge 4 (18 x 22m)
- MV Stay Calm
- MV Lady Dashedelle
- MV Mayas Bay
- MV Walrus
- Tender vessel Phoenix
- Tender vessel Workboat 020

Vessel operators shall reduce vessel speed to create no wash and remain clear of the construction zone area.

During partial river closures, works standby vessels will guide river traffic through the transit lane as required.

The works supervisor can be contacted on **0499 800 470** or on **VHF Channel 71**.

**Mariners are advised to navigate with additional caution in the vicinity of the construction works.**

**Charts &  
Publications  
affected:**

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**Further notice:**

Further notice will be issued.



**David Tilsley  
Deputy Harbour Master  
(Navigation Services)**

**Marine Safety Act 2010**  
**Section 211(1)(b)**  
**NOTICE CONTROLLING NAVIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF WORKS**

I, David Tilsley, Deputy Harbour Master – port of Melbourne, as authorised delegate of Ports Victoria, the port management body for the port waters of the Port of Melbourne, make the following notice under section 211(1)(b)(i) of the **Marine Safety Act 2010** for the purposes of the works activity proposed by West Gate Tunnel Project to undertake bridge construction works.

The navigation and movement of vessels is restricted and/or prohibited from waters of the Maribyrnong River as detailed below in Table 1, excluding vessels involved in the works and emergency response vessels.

**Table 1: West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) Maribyrnong River closures, Port of Melbourne waters**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Prohibited Waters</b>	<b>River traffic</b>
<p><b>Partial closures</b>  Intermittently from 31 August 2023 to 31 August 2024</p> <p>Exact dates of partial closures to be notified 1 week in advance, visit:  <a href="https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city">https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city</a></p>	<p><b>Partial closures</b>  Waters extending halfway from the Western or Eastern bank, downstream of Shepherd Bridge to the extension of Youell Street as marked by buoys.</p>	<p>A transit lane through the middle of the river is available only.  WGTP standby boats to guide river traffic through transit lane as required. River traffic to contact WGTP standby boats for information as per Ports Victoria Notice to Mariners details.</p>
<p><b>Full closures</b>  Intermittently from 31 August 2023 to 31 August 2024</p> <p>Exact dates of full closures to be notified 2 weeks in advance, visit:  <a href="https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city">https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city</a></p>	<p><b>Full closure</b>  All waters downstream of Shepherd Bridge to the extension of Youell Street as marked by buoys.</p>	<p>Closed to all river traffic.</p>
<p><b>Open</b>  4 November to 12 November 2023  22 December 2023 to 10 January 2024  28 March to 2 April 2024</p>	<p>No closure.</p>	<p>Open to river traffic.</p>

This notice has effect from 7:00am on 1 September 2023 to 5:00pm on 31 August 2024.

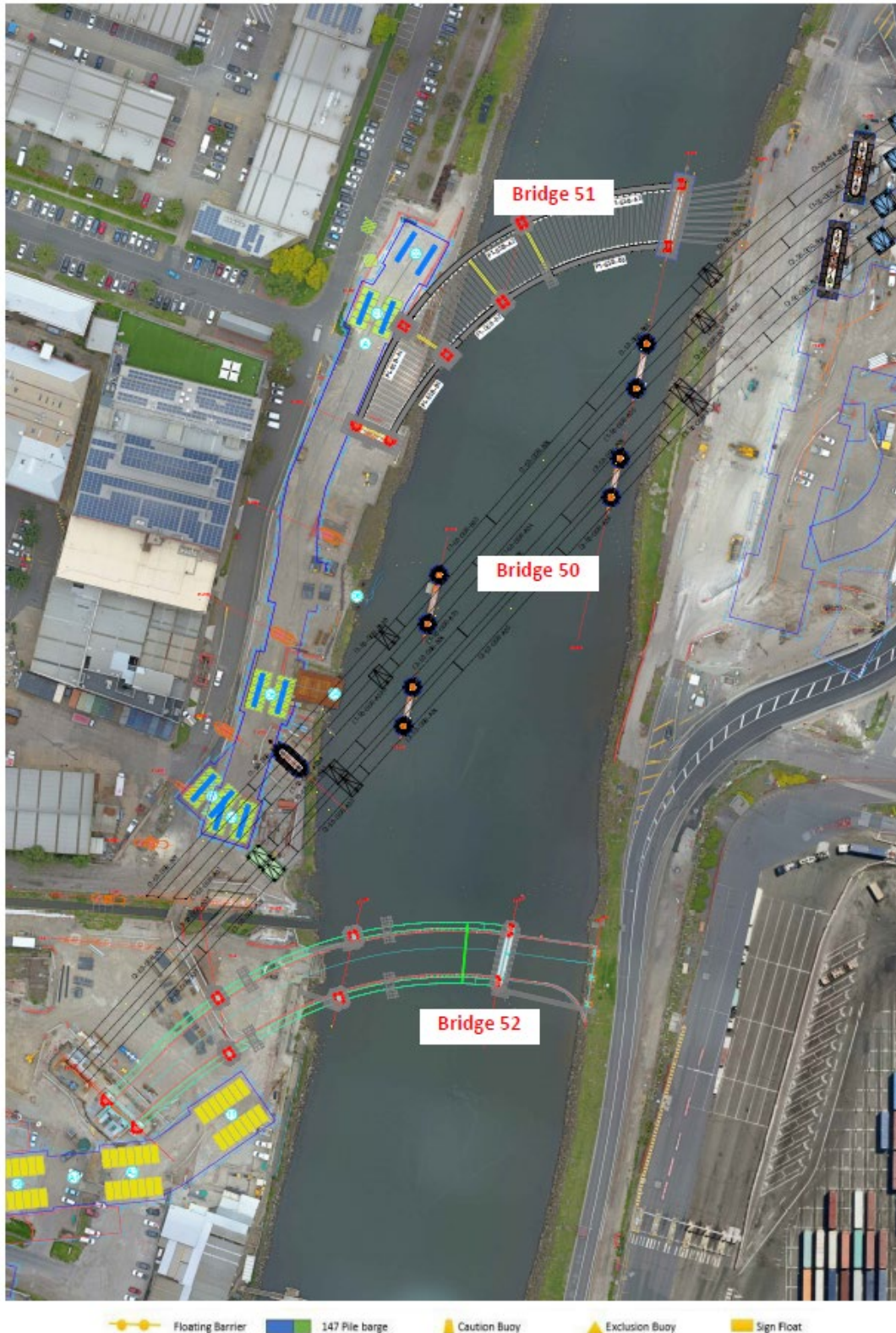
Date: 23 August 2023

BY ORDER OF PORTS VICTORIA

This notice is a direction of the Harbour Master pursuant to section 232 of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic)  
The requirements of section 232(2) have been taken into account.

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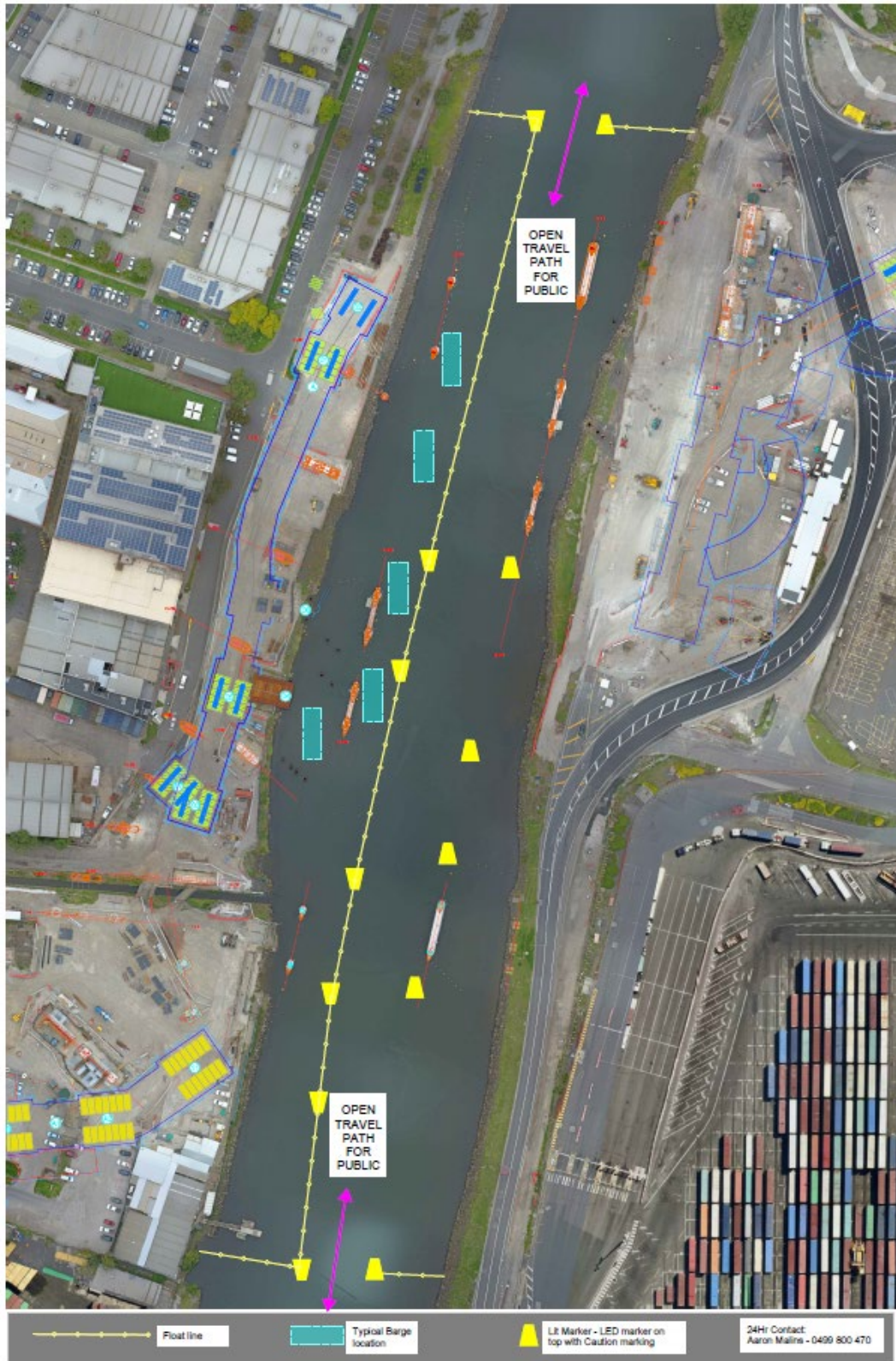
## River Bridges Overview



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### Typical Partial Closure of River

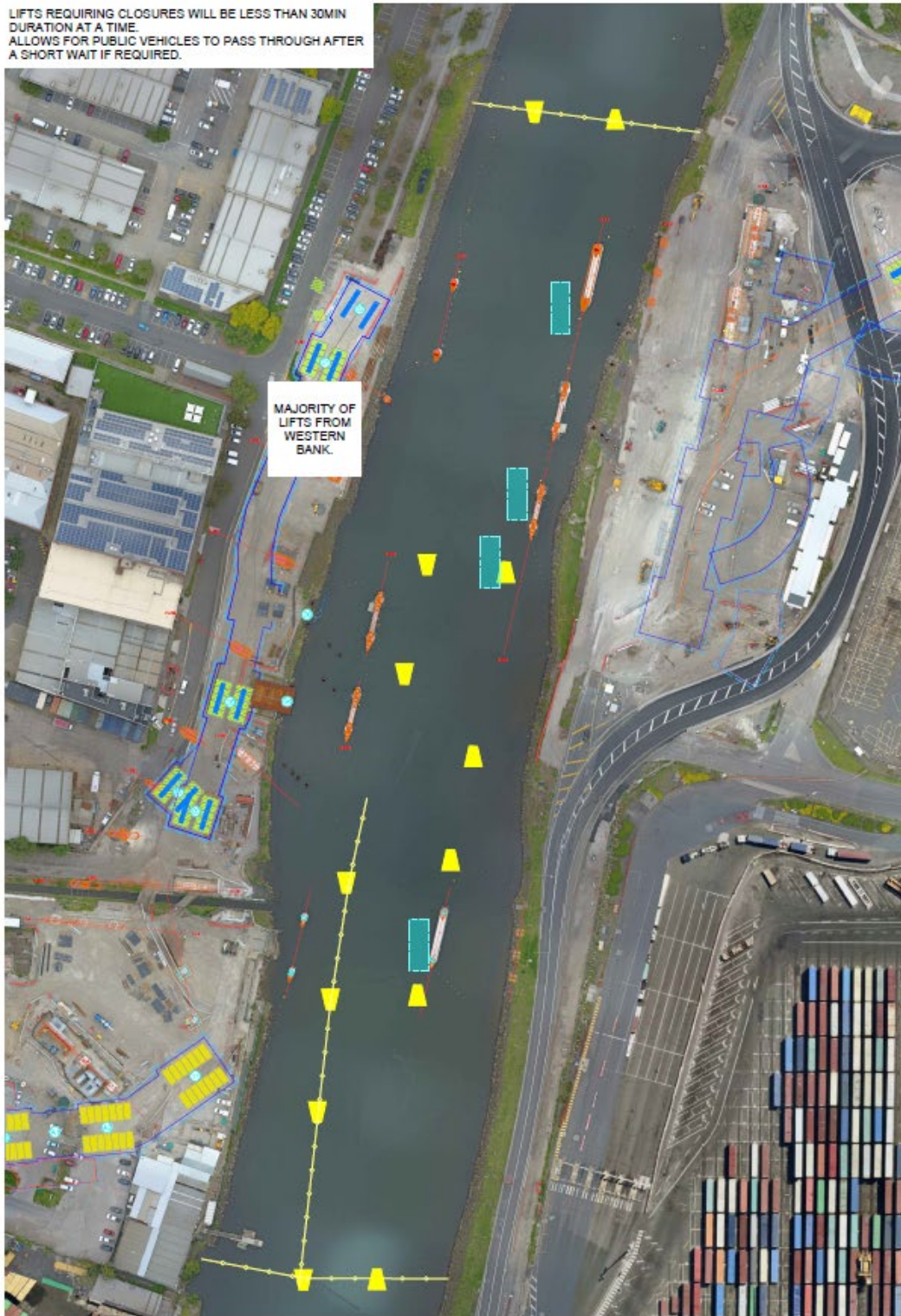


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### Typical Full Closure of the River

LIFTS REQUIRING CLOSURES WILL BE LESS THAN 30MIN DURATION AT A TIME. ALLOWS FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES TO PASS THROUGH AFTER A SHORT WAIT IF REQUIRED.



MAJORITY OF LIFTS FROM WESTERN BANK.

 Float line	 Typical Barge location	 Lift Marker - LED marker on top with Caution marking	24H Contact: Aron Mairs - 0499 800 470
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