

WATERWAYS NOTICE

Notice to control activities or conduct in Gold Coast waters

Gold Coast Waterway Authority Act 2012, part 5, divisions 2 and 3



Authority

I, **Peter Kleinig, Manager (Waterways), Gold Coast Waterways Authority** (the **Authority**), am subdelegated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority under section 14 of the *Gold Coast Waterways Authority Act 2012* (the **Act**).

Watercraft

1. This Waterways Notice (the **Notice**) applies to the brown 7.5 metre pontoon houseboat, displaying cancelled registration number ALG30Q (the **Watercraft**).
2. The Watercraft remains stranded on the Broadwater's foreshore near the Southport Spit at Main Beach.
3. Parts of the Watercraft have been left on, and adjacent to, the foreshore at the location.
4. The waters of the Broadwater near the Southport Spit are within Gold Coast waters as defined under the Act.
5. The Watercraft is shown in the images, which form part of the Notice.

Requirements

1. A person in charge of the Watercraft must, within 28 days of the date of the Notice—
 - a) refloat the Watercraft;
 - b) remove all parts of the Watercraft from the foreshore and land adjacent to the foreshore;
 - c) move the Watercraft to an appropriate facility to carry out repairs to the Watercraft's superstructure and bilge or power systems;
 - d) anchor or moor the Watercraft at a location where the Watercraft is not in contravention of the *Transport Infrastructure (Waterways Management) Regulation 2012* or the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2016*;

OR ALTERNATIVELY

2. A person in charge of the Watercraft must, within 28 days of the date of the Notice—
 - a) salvage and dispose of the Watercraft at an appropriate facility; and
 - b) remove all parts of the Watercraft from the foreshore and land adjacent to the foreshore.

Reasons

1. The Watercraft presents in poor condition, has taken on water, and is currently grounded on Broadwater's foreshore near the Southport Spit.
2. The Watercraft's superstructure has been stripped of cladding, which has been left as debris and rubbish on the foreshore and land adjacent to the foreshore.
3. The Authority has attempted contact with the owner of the Watercraft since July 2025, without success.
4. During the past 2 months, the owner has not taken any positive steps to refloat, repair or move the Watercraft from its location, or to remove the parts of the Watercraft from the foreshore and land adjacent to the foreshore.
5. The Watercraft cannot remain at its current location without reasonable steps to ensure the Watercraft is not likely to—
 - a) break apart and become a wreck in the Broadwater a **Wreck**); and
 - b) cause further debris and rubbish to enter the marine environment (a **Pollution incident**).
6. The Notice seeks to remove the Watercraft, and parts of the Watercraft, from the Broadwater's foreshore, and land adjacent to the foreshore, to a location that appropriately manages the risk of—
 - (a) the Watercraft becoming a Wreck; and
 - (b) a Pollution incident.

Purposes

1. I make the requirements of the Notice for the following purposes—
 - a) maintaining the effective and efficient management of certain Gold Coast waters near the Southport Spit; and
 - b) moving the Watercraft to prevent it becoming a Wreck and causing a Pollution incident.
2. I am satisfied the purposes of the Notice achieve the purposes of the Act.

Offence

A person to whom the Notice applies must comply the requirements of the Notice, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

A contravention of a requirement of the Notice is an offence against the Act, which carries a maximum penalty of \$16,690 for an individual, and up to five times that amount for a corporate entity.

A watercraft that is moored or left in Gold Coast waters in contravention of a requirement of the Notice is contravening property.

Expenses

The Authority may take steps necessary and reasonable to move contravening property.

If the Authority incurs expenses in dealing with contravening property, the Authority may recover those expenses from the owner of the property as a debt payable to the State.

Effect

The Notice takes effect from 3 pm on the date signed below.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SIGNED

Peter Kleinig

Manager (Waterways)

Signed at GOLD COAST on this 16TH day of SEPTEMBER 2025



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