



### To: Wharf and jetty users

The purpose of this note is to inform and remind wharf and jetty users of your waste management responsibilities when using Gippsland Ports wharves and jetties.

Gippsland Ports provides a waste collection service on many wharves and jetties as do adjacent land managers to protect the environment.

Your responsibilities as a user of the wharves and jetties include:

- ◆ to prevent waste from your activities entering the environment – particularly the waterway;
- ◆ to collect and dispose of the waste you generate into appropriate waste collection facilities where provided; and
- ◆ if specific waste collection facilities are not provided or are not suitable to cater for your type of waste or the volume of waste generated; then you are responsible for arranging the collection and disposal of waste or taking your waste for disposal to appropriate off site waste management facilities.

There have been examples of inappropriate waste disposal practices requiring Gippsland Ports attention including:

- ◆ vessel repair waste materials left on wharves and jetties;
- ◆ inappropriate wastes placed in oil stands;
- ◆ tipping oil directly into oil stands leading to oil overflowing the bund;
- ◆ fishing tackle and associated refuse; and
- ◆ batteries, tyres and other hazardous wastes left on wharves and jetties.

Inappropriate waste management on wharves and jetties is an unacceptable practice and presents risks to the environment, safety risks to Gippsland Ports staff who clean it up and additional unfunded costs to Gippsland Ports.

If current waste collection arrangements are not respected and used correctly GP may have no option than to withdraw the current collection facilities and removal services.

Please assist Gippsland Ports to maintain tidy and safe wharves and jetties, to prevent pollution and protect the environment with responsible waste management practices.

If you have any questions or concerns with regard to waste management on wharves and jetties or need to report pollution please contact us.

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