Queensland Access Conditions Guide

Route and operational access conditions for heavy vehicles

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Definitions

built-up area, in relation to a length of road, means an area in which there are buildings on land next to the road, or there is street lighting at intervals not over 100m for a distance of at least 500m, or if the road is shorter than 500m, for the whole road.

Brisbane Central Traffic Area means the area specified on the Brisbane City Council website - https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/parking-permits/parking-brisbane-cbd/brisbane-central-traffic-area.

Brisbane Urban Corridor means the route between Archerfield and Wishart consisting of Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road west of the Gateway Motorway, Kessels Road, Riawena Road, and Granard Road.

Central Business District means the network of roads that are located within the regulated parking zone of any city.

city includes any place within the city limits, but not limited to the Central Business District, of cities listed in Appendix A.

Conditions of Operation Database means the Transport and Main Roads database containing conditions for a particular excess mass/excess dimension permit, conditions of operation applicable between 2 selected dates and conditions that have changed since a selected date.

critical road is a Type A road marked in red on the "Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland" map.

critical area includes the shaded areas indicated on the "Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland" map.

escort vehicle driver (level 2), for the purpose of this Notice, means a person who holds an appointment under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management — Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005*, Part 2 as an accredited person with the functions of an escort vehicle driver. A police officer is not an escort vehicle driver.

major road is a Type B road marked in blue on the "Critical Area and Roads in Queensland" map.

minor road is a road other than a major road or a critical road.

NHVR means the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

pilot vehicle driver (level 1) means a person who holds an appointment under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management — Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005, Part 2 as an accredited person with the functions of a pilot vehicle driver.

pilot or escort operation includes any operation where an accredited pilot, accredited escort or police officer accompanies an oversize vehicle or combination in accordance with a notice, permit or other lawful authorisation.

south east corner means the area bounded by Coolangatta in the south, Gympie in the north, Toowoomba and Warwick in the west.

QPS means Queensland Police Service.

TMR means the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Queensland Excess Mass and Dimension Conditions means operating conditions specified on the Queensland Publications website (Portal).

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Queensland Access Conditions Guide is to provide specific time, route and/or location restrictions and other additional conditions for the movement of excess dimension heavy vehicles and combinations carrying indivisible items, special purpose combinations in Queensland.

The Queensland Access Conditions Guide Version 4 commences on 01 July 2019 and replaces the April 2019 Version 3.

The Guide does not provide access conditions for Special Purpose Vehicles or Agricultural machinery.

2. Speed Limits

The maximum speed limit applying to a person driving an oversize vehicle or combination is:

- a) When required to travel with a pilot or escort vehicle 80km/h except where official traffic signs indicate a lower speed limit; otherwise
- b) When not required to travel with a pilot or escort 90km/h except where official traffic signs indicate a lower speed limit.

3. Damage caused by an oversize vehicle

All persons involved in the operation of an oversize vehicle or combination and any other entity associated with the movement must ensure they have the appropriate equipment to maintain two-way radio communication between all pilots, level 2 escorts, police officers and the oversize vehicle.

3.1

The driver of a pilot or escort vehicle accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination who is aware of any damage an oversize vehicle or combination has caused, must as soon as practical, notify the driver of the oversize vehicle or combination.

3.2

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination must immediately report any damage caused by an oversize vehicle or combination to the asset owner/s, and if the damage presents a dangerous situation, the local police.

4. Conditions for travel on critical Type A and major Type B roads and roads in critical areas¹

Note¹: A copy of the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map is available by visiting the Department of Transport and Main Roads website https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/search-results.aspx?query=critical+area+map (2 pdf documents – front and back).

4.1

The operator of an oversize heavy vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width up to a maximum of 5.5m in width and intending to travel in a critical area or on Type A or Type B road must apply to the NHVR for a permit (period or single trip) at least 5 days prior to travel. The NHVR will gather the required approvals (from road managers and the QPS) and include the pilot and escort vehicle requirements as determined by the QPS within the permit.

The NHVR will issue the permit (including conditions and pilot and escort requirements²) to the operator and a copy of this permit must be carried in the vehicle and produced when requested by an authorised officer.

Note²: QPS will assess each movement on an individual basis and determine pilot and escort vehicle requirements based on identified risks and available resources. Table A provides the escort vehicle requirements as a baseline for assessment but may be varied at QPS discretion.

Table A - Requirement for travel on critical roads or roads in a critical area

Critical Roads or Critical Areas	Baseline pilot and escort requirement
Type A roads (marked red on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map)	1 police escort vehicle and 2 escort vehicles
Critical areas (areas coloured in green on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map)	1 police escort vehicle and 2 escort vehicles
Type B roads (marked blue on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map)	3 escort vehicles

5. Pilot and escort vehicle requirements for night time travel

5.1

Unless otherwise restricted in a Notice or permit, an oversize truck, a truck hauling a pig/dog/tag trailer or a prime mover semi-trailer combination transporting indivisible items that do not exceed 3.1m in width and/or 25m in length³ is permitted to travel at night-time.

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Transportation of indivisible items on road trains or B-double combinations wider than 2.5m is not permitted at night-time.

5.3

Unless otherwise restricted in a Notice, permit or other authority, an oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m in width and/or 25m in length³ is permitted to travel up to 7.00pm provided:

- a) the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by pilot or escort vehicles as required for daytime travel; and
- b) the journey commences in daytime; and
- c) the journey being undertaken can be completed by 7.00pm; and
- d) the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver reasonably considers that to do so would be safe, having regard to road and traffic conditions, and would not unreasonably inconvenience the public.

5.4

An oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m in width and/or 25m in length³ is permitted to travel within the boundary of the city of Brisbane or within the boundary of any other city⁴ from 12.00am provided:

a) the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by pilot or escort vehicles as required for daytime travel;
 and

- b) the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver responsible, considers that it is necessary to do so to complete the journey being undertaken on that day, or to be out of the city boundary by 7.00am; and
- c) the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by at least 1 pilot or escort vehicle driving in front, and 1 pilot or escort vehicle driving behind.
- Note³: For subsections 5.1,5.2 and 5.3 a prime mover towing a low loader with or without a low loader dolly only requires a pilot or escort if dimension is in excess of 26m in length.
- Note4: Appendix A lists relevant towns and cities in Queensland.

NHVR permits are required for all other night-time movements. The permit will specify the required number of level 1 pilot and/or level 2 escorts and any operating conditions.

Conditions for access under a Notice, Permit or other authority

The following conditions apply in addition to the requirements under Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR.

6.1

In addition to complying with warning device specifications and provisions under Schedule 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*, oversize vehicles or combinations operating in Queensland must comply with any additional requirements of a Notice, Permit or other authority and this Guide.

6.2

Travel on the road network must comply with all current conditions in the TMR Conditions of Operation Database.

Current conditions of operation for excess dimension vehicles can be found in the Conditions of Operations database obtained from the Queensland Publications website <u>Publications | Queensland Government</u> (Queensland Excess Mass and Dimension Conditions).

Warning: It is an operator and driver responsibility to check the Conditions of Operation database before any trip.

Note: Due to regional government amalgamations, the TMR is currently transitioning from a district to a regional based structure consistent with the new local government boundaries. Until this transition is complete, the Conditions of Operation Database will refer to the older <u>district boundaries maps</u>.

6.3

Where additional vehicles are required to accompany an oversize vehicle or combination under requirements or conditions of a permit or any other authority (TMR, Rail, Telstra etc.), the additional vehicle will be required to travel behind the oversize vehicle or combination and in front of the rear pilot or escort until they are to be used to assist in the movement of the oversize vehicle or combination as determined by the lead pilot or escort.

7. Third Party approvals and assistance

7.1

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination has the overall responsibility to:

- a) organise any required permits and other authorisations; and
- b) ensure the loading of the oversize vehicle complies with any Notice, Permit and other authorisation issued; and
- c) ensure the routes to be used comply with the Notice, Permit and other authorisation issued; and
- d) ensure compliance with all conditions contained in the Notice, Permit and other authorisation.

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination must:

- a) comply with any lawful direction or signal given by the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver, in relation to the movement of the oversize vehicle, and
- b) carry any document (or a copy) issued by a relevant authority, which sets out the obligation imposed under the Notice Permit or other authorisation. This must be produced when requested by an authorised officer.

7.3

Where the height dimension of an oversize vehicle or combination is likely to interfere with overhead wires or falls within the exclusion zone specified for overhead wires, approval to operate must be obtained from the relevant authority.

7.4

Where the width and/or length dimension of an oversize vehicle or combination exceeds specified dimensions, approval to operate must be obtained from the relevant authority.

7.5

The person responsible for moving the load must contact the authority who owns or is in charge of assets when any miscellaneous major risk factor applies. Such contact must be prior to the commencement of the journey, or otherwise the Queensland Police Service must be contacted.

7.6

Additional vehicles required to accompany an oversize vehicle or combination as a result of requirements in a Notice, Permit and other authority (for example, railway, Telstra etc.) should travel where appropriate behind the oversize vehicle or combination and in front of the rear pilot or escort vehicles until they are to be used to assist in the movement of the oversize vehicle or combination as determined by the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort operator.

8. Road Closures/restrictions

8 1

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination must ensure they are aware of, and comply with, any temporary road closure/restrictions so described at the proposed time. In the event of heavy or prolonged rain affecting the route, movements may be deferred until such day and time as may be determined by a representative of the Chief Executive of the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

8.2

Additional information on current road closures and current roadwork's are available on the following website: https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/.

9. Travel time restrictions

9.1 State-wide restrictions

The operator of an oversize vehicle or combination is not permitted to operate on restricted roads in contravention of dimensions limits which exceed those specified for particular roads or areas under the conditions of this Guide, a Notice, a Permit or the Queensland Excess Mass and Dimension Conditions.

9.2 Christmas and New Year Restrictions

9.2.1

An oversize heavy vehicle or combination is not permitted to travel throughout Queensland from 24 December to 02 January of the following year inclusive.

9.2.2

An oversize vehicle or combination which requires more than one pilot or escort vehicle is not permitted to travel throughout Queensland from 19 December to 02 January of the following year inclusive.

9.2.3

Despite subsections 9.2.1 and 9.2.2, when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday or a Monday, restrictions applying to oversize heavy vehicles and combinations commencing on the 24 December, will be extended to commence from 12 noon on the Friday prior to Christmas Day.

9.2.4

Despite subsections 9.2.1 and 9.2.2, when 01 January falls on a Friday, restrictions applying to oversize heavy vehicles and combinations will be extended to 11.59pm on 03 January.

9.3 **Easter restrictions**

No movement throughout Queensland, of an oversize heavy vehicle or combination, from Thursday before Easter to the Tuesday after Easter inclusive.

10. Travel time and location derestrictions

10.1 Christmas to New Year and Easter derestriction

Despite the travel restrictions under sections 9.2 and 9.3, vehicles that fall into any of the following categories are exempt from the Christmas to New Year and Easter travel restrictions when operating under the following provisions:

10.1.1

Where the heavy vehicle or a heavy vehicle combination is not wider than 4.5m or longer than 30.0m and is transporting a large indivisible item using a route set out in Appendix B to travel:

- i. to or from the Port of Brisbane; or
- ii. to or from the bond store/holding yard for the vehicle or load; and
- iii. is operating under hours of travel not restricted for weekdays and weekends in Section 8.5.

10.1.2

Where the vehicle is a conditionally registered vehicle with unrestricted access, travelling to or from un-programmed operations, provided that the vehicle is involved in immediate repairs to public utilities.

10.1.3

Where the vehicle is a special purpose combination, a heavy vehicle or heavy vehicle combination transporting a large indivisible item; and

- i. is operating under a current dimension exemption (notice or permit); and
- ii. is directly involved with, or in support of, Liquefied Natural Gas or mining activities; and
- iii. is operating solely within the Cooper Basin as mapped in Appendix C.

10.2 Cotton Harvest derestriction

10.2.1

Despite any restriction on travel during the Easter period in Section 9.3, an eligible harvester or agricultural equipment in association with cotton harvesting in Queensland is authorised to be floated:

- i. during daylight hours; and
- ii. under conditions specified for allowed travel days for the zone in Table B below; and
- ii. only in and along the boundaries of Zone A and Zone B depicted in **Appendix D**, subject to the limits specified in Table 1 and Table 2 of **Appendix D**.

Zone A Zone B Day Up to 5.5m wide with an additional pilot Holy Thursday No access to requirements under section 13. **Good Friday** No access No access Up to 5.5m wide with an additional pilot Up to 5.5m wide with an additional pilot Easter Saturday to requirements under section 13. to requirements under section 13. **Easter Sunday** Up to 5.5m wide with an additional pilot Up to 5.5m wide with an additional pilot to requirement under section 13. to requirements under section 13. **Easter Monday** No access No access **Easter Tuesday** Up to 5.5m wide with an additional pilot No access to requirements under section 13.

Table B: Allowed day time travel only

10.2.2

Travel on minor roads outside the boundary of Zone B is permitted for eligible vehicles on the allowed travel days where access is required to local cotton fields and farms —

- (a) in the Emerald and Theodore Irrigation Area; and
- (b) in the Biloela surrounds.

11. Specified roads, location and time restrictions

11.1 Brisbane and other cities

11.1.1

An oversize vehicle or combination is not permitted on the following roads or areas:

- a) Pacific Motorway (South East Freeway and Riverside Expressway) north of its intersection with the Gateway Arterial Road; or
- b) Western Arterial Road from Miskin Street, Toowong to Stafford Road, Everton Park (Frederick Street, Rouen Street, Boundary Street, Kaye Street, MacGregor Terrace, Jubilee Terrace, Elimatta Drive, Stewart Road, Wardell Street, up to Lloyd St; or
- c) Houghton Highway Bridge and Ted Smout Bridge; or
- d) Clem 7 (North-South bypass) Tunnel; or
- e) Airport Link Tunnel; or
- f) Legacy Way Tunnel.

11.1.2

A person must not drive an oversize vehicle or combination in Brisbane City, Gold Coast City, or Central Business District of any other city between 7.00am and 9.00am and or between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on business days.

This restriction does not apply to:

- a) vehicle combinations no longer than 25m and no wider than 2.5m, operating on authorised B-double routes; or
- b) vehicle combinations no longer than 25m and no wider than 3.2m, operating on road train routes.

11.1.3

An oversize vehicle or combination more than 30m long or 4.6m wide is not permitted to operate between 9.00am and 4.00pm on a business day within the City of Brisbane.

11.1.4

An oversize vehicle or combinations more than 25m long or 3.5m wide are not permitted to operate in the Brisbane Central Traffic Area between 7.00am and 6.00pm on a business day.

Notes for section 11.1: The boundaries for this section are detailed on the following websites:

- Gold Coast City http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/council/council-divisions-426.html.
- Brisbane City (Local Government Area) https://results.ecq.gld.gov.au/local_area_maps/.
- Brisbane Central Traffic area https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/parking-permits/parking-brisbane-cbd/brisbane-central-traffic-area.

11.2 Queensland – south east corner

An oversize vehicle or combination wider than 3.1m and/or longer than 25m is not permitted to travel on the roads within the south east corner between:

- a) 7.00am to sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and a state-wide public holiday which falls on a weekday; or
- b) midday to sunset, the day prior to a state-wide long weekend and 7.00am to sunset on each day of the long weekend.

- c) Despite subsection (a) an oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m wide up to 4.5m wide and no longer than 30m is permitted to travel on the roads within the south east corner, except the roads within the Brisbane Central Business District and the Brisbane Urban Corridor, between:
 - i. 7.00am to 10.00am on Saturdays, Sundays and state-wide public holidays which fall on a weekday: or
 - ii. 7.00am to 10.00am on each day of a long weekend.

11.3 Toowoomba to Ipswich (Warrego Highway and Ipswich Road)

Despite subsections 11.2 (a) and (b), an oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m in width up to 4.5m in width is permitted to travel on the Warrego Highway and Ipswich Road between Toowoomba and Rocklea (radius of 500m from Ipswich Road, Rocklea) from 10.00am - 4.00pm on Sundays and 10.00am (12:00pm if the oversize vehicle or combination exceeds 3.5m in width) to sunset on a Saturday or a public holiday.

11.4 Port of Brisbane derestriction

Despite the travel restrictions in section 11.2, eligible Special Purpose Combinations and oversize vehicles/combinations may travel at any time on Port of Brisbane precinct roads, including —

- a) Howard Smith Drive;
- b) Osprey Drive;
- c) Kite Street and Port Drive including and north of the roundabout at Port Gate; and
- d) Captain Bishop Bridge and all roads within Fisherman Island, including Port Drive, Bishop Drive, Bingera Drive, Whimbrel Street and Lucinda Drive.

In this section, eligible vehicle means a vehicle operating under the following Notices or Guideline:

- Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (Queensland Schedule)
- Queensland Class 1 Special Purpose Combination Mass and Dimension Exemptions Notice 2019
- Queensland Class 3 Heavy Vehicle (Indivisible Item) Dimension Exemption Notice 2019
- Guideline for Excess Dimension Agricultural Vehicles and Agricultural Combinations Vehicles and Drivers (Form 14, or the National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice.

12. Pilot and escort operational requirements

12.1

Where pilot and/or escort operations are required to assist with the movement of oversize vehicles and combinations in Queensland, all vehicles must comply with the requirements and conditions of the *Guideline for Pilot and Escort Operations in Queensland*.

12.2

Level 2 escort operations can only be conducted by police officers and accredited level 2 escort vehicle drivers appointed by the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995, section 21 (Appointment of accredited persons).

12.3

Level 1 pilot operations can be conducted by accredited level 1 pilot vehicle drivers and accredited level 2 escort vehicle drivers appointed by the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995, section 21 (Appointment of accredited persons).

Secondary pilot vehicles greater than 4.5 tonne but not more than 6.5 tonne gross vehicle mass (GVM) assisting with vehicle movements under a Heavy Vehicle Notice must also comply with the requirements of the *Guideline for Pilot and Escort Operations in Queensland*.

13. General requirements for day time travel

13.1

An oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 3.5m in width, or 25m in length, but does not exceed 4.5m in width, or 5.0m in height or 30m in length must be accompanied by at least one pilot or escort.

13.2

For a non-critical road or road in a non-critical area - any oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width or 30m length, but does not exceed 5.5m in width, 5.0m in height or 35m in length must be accompanied by at least two escorts. The rear escort vehicle may be a Level 1 pilot vehicle unless otherwise specified in a permit.

13.3

13.3.1

Critical (Type A) road or road in a Critical area: An oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width but does not exceed 5.5m in width travelling on a critical road or a road in a critical area requires a NHVR Permit and no less than one Police escort and two escorts vehicles.

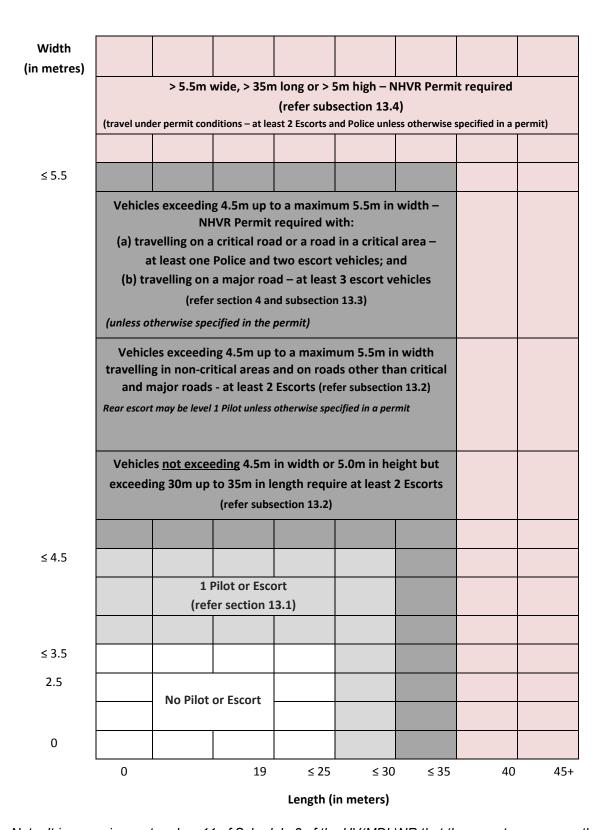
13.3.2

Major (Type B) road: An oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width but does not exceed 5.5m in width travelling on a major road requires a NHVR Permit and no less than three escort vehicles. The rear escort vehicle may be a Level 1 pilot vehicle unless otherwise specified in a permit (refer section 3).

13.4

All roads in Queensland - an oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 5.5m in width, or 5.0m in height or 35m length requires a permit for travel.

Graph A: Day time travel - General requirements



Note: It is a requirement under s11 of Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR that the operator assesses the route and obtains any consents or third-party approvals required before commencing a journey.

14. Contact details for Queensland Police Service

Telephone: 1300 077 020

Email: HVROPO@police.qld.gov.au

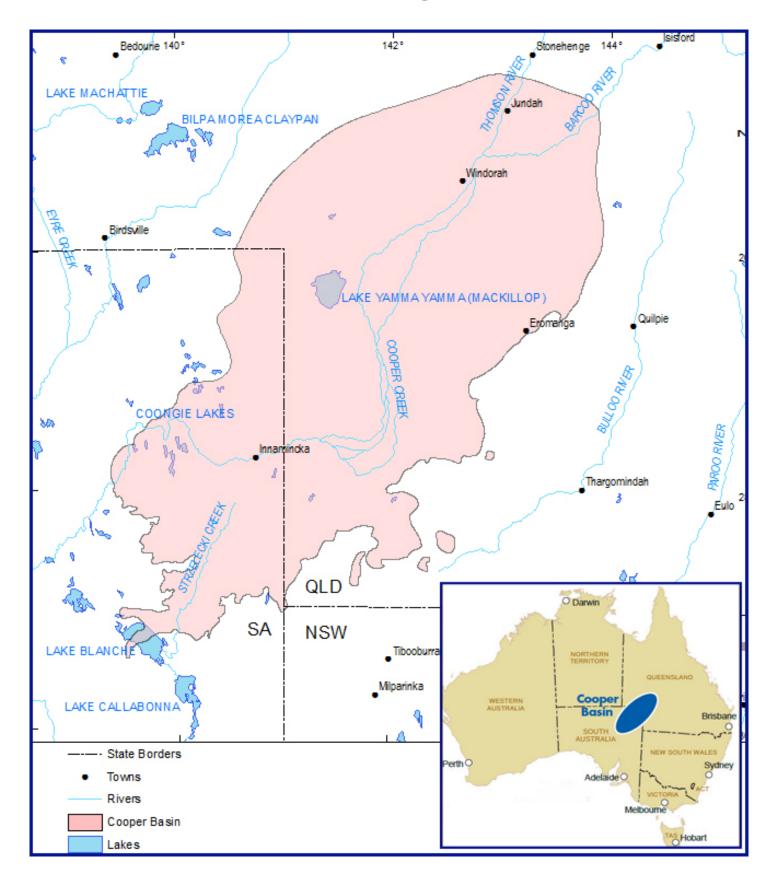
Appendix A - Towns and cities in Queensland that restrictions in the relevant Notices apply

Brisbane	Bundaberg	Caboolture	Cairns
Caloundra	Charters Towers	Gladstone	Gold Coast City
Gympie	Ipswich	Logan City	Mackay
Maryborough/Hervey Bay	Mount Isa	Redcliffe	Redland City
Rockhampton	Toowoomba	Townsville	

Appendix B - Port of Brisbane Holding Yards and Routes

Location of Holding Yards	Route (Arterial Road)	Limitations
Hemmant	Port of Brisbane Motorway	No movement West of the Gateway Motorway
Acacia Ridge Archerfield Rocklea	Port of Brisbane Motorway	 No movement North of Riawena Road, Granard Road and Ipswich Motorway No movement West of Blunder Road
Larapinta	Port of Brisbane Motorway	 No movement West of Stapylton Road No movement South of Browns Plains Road
Eagle Farm	Port of Brisbane Motorway	 No movement North of Kingsford Smith Drive No movement West of Southern Cross Way Access to Sugarmill Road is permitted
Mackay Harbour	Paget	No movement North of the intersection of Bruce Highway and Sams Road
Paget	Hay Point	No movement South of the Bruce Highway and Farrellys Road

Appendix C - Cooper Basin Region



Appendix D - Cotton Harvest Zones

Table 1: ZONE A – as shown in yellow on the map in Figure 1, and as described below:

Boundary a	and included areas and roads	Highway limits
On and west of	the Leichhardt Highway	Between Goondiwindi and Miles
South of the Warrego Highway (to the State Border)	No access permitted on the Warrego Highway	Between Miles and Roma
On and east of	the Carnarvon Highway	Between Roma and Mungindi
On an east of	the Castlereagh Highway	Between Hebel and Dirranbandi
North of and east of	Dirranbandi to the Balonne Highway	Including the St-George to Dirranbandi Road
From the Balonne Highway	35kms west of St George to and including the Mitchell St George Road to the Maranoa River and area south of Lake Kajarabie bounded by the Carnarvon Highway.	

Table 2: ZONE B - as shown in green on the map in Figure 1, and as described below:

Boundary	and included area and roads	Highway limits
On and west of	Texas-Inglewood Road	
On and west of	Millmerran to Inglewood Road	
On and west of	Gore Highway	Between Millmerran and Pittsworth
On and west of	Pittsworth to Oakey Road	
On and north west of	the Cunningham Highway to the Toowoomba-Karara Road	From Inglewood
On and west of	The Toowoomba to Karara Road and Clifton to Pittsworth Road	To Pittsworth
South of the Warrego Highway between Oakey and Dalby	No access permitted on Warrego Highway	
On and west of	Dalby to Jandowae Road	
On and west of	Jandowae Connection Road	
On and south of	Chinchilla-Wondai Road	
On and south of	Warrego Highway	Between Chinchilla and Miles
On and west of	Leichardt Highway	Between Miles and Banana
On and south of	Dawson Highway	Between Moura and Rolleston
On and west of	Rolleston – Blackwater Road	
On and south of	Capricorn Highway	Between Blackwater to Emerald
The area north of	Capricorn Highway between Comet and Emerald bounded by the Comet and Nogoa River and Gregory Highway	
The area west of	the Gregory Highway within a radius of 15km from Emerald including Selma Road	
On and east of	the Carnarvon Highway	Between Rolleston and Roma
On and east of	the Dawson Highway	Between Rolleston and Springsure
On and east of	the Gregory Highway	Between Springsure and Emerald

Figure 1: Map of Zone A and Zone B

