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**Re: Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and your mooring**

Transport for NSW (Transport) has a statutory responsibility under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) (EP&A Act) to consider the impacts of its activities on the environment when granting approvals to conduct activities, such as issuing mooring licences.

This assessment is commonly referred to as a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and when it is undertaken in respect of moorings, it includes the ongoing assessment of factors such as the location, type and size of the vessel, and the sensitivity of the environment, to ensure the mooring activity is appropriate and that any environmental impacts are avoided or mitigated accordingly.

Changes to planning legislation require Transport to update processes to ensure mooring approvals meet these new requirements. As a result of these changes, Transport has identified that your mooring **TS021** is likely to be located within a cultural and/or environmentally sensitive area, and additional requirements may apply to future approvals.

**What this means for you as a current mooring licence holder:**

Transport strongly recommends you contact us to seek advice before:

- selling the mooring apparatus and attached vessel with the intent to transfer your mooring licence to another person
- purchasing a new vessel you intend to place on this mooring (where the licence identifies a particular vessel)
- making any changes to the existing mooring apparatus
- making a request to relocate your mooring site within the same bay
- attempting to sell your mooring apparatus, on cancellation of your licence
- if you intend to sell or transfer your business mooring (for Commercial Mooring Licences)
- if you intend to change the nature of your business (for Commercial Mooring Licences).

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Failure to seek advice and approval for the above may result in Transport declining a mooring related transaction and may result in the mooring being relocated or cancelled.

If you are not making any changes to a vessel or the mooring, no immediate action is required at this time.

### **Mooring area management**

Transport is continually assessing environmental factors associated with moorings at sites across NSW and from time to time makes changes to how moorings are managed.

Changes to management of moorings may include:

- moving moorings to more appropriate locations
- requesting changes to be made to mooring apparatus
- imposing additional mooring licence conditions
- reducing or increasing the number of moorings in a mooring area.

Prior to making any significant changes to a mooring area, Transport will consult with impacted stakeholders where appropriate.

Should you require any further information, please contact Maritime Product Services on 13 12 36 Option 2 or email [moorings@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:moorings@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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