



Name and address:

Department of  
Transport and Main Roads

**Date:**

Dear Captain/Madam/Sir,

**Deed of Indemnity - Port of Gladstone Escort Tugs**

**Vessel**

All Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) vessels loading cargo in the Port of Gladstone will be required to connect two escort tugs which will be tethered in tandem when entering and departing the harbour. The process of Tethered Escort Towage (TET) has been extensively simulated to prove the feasibility of the operation in the Port of Gladstone. Tugs specifically designed for the task will be utilised for escort towage.

**Background**

This letter relates to *Chapter 9 Tug Requirements for LNG*, and *Appendix 16.39 Deed of Indemnity – Port of Gladstone Escort Tugs* (attached) of the *Port Procedures and Information for Shipping – Gladstone (PPM Gladstone)* as updated from time to time. The PPM Gladstone requires the use of escort tugs for LNG vessels entering the port.

For TET, all LNG vessels are required to be equipped with bitts, bollards, chocks and fairleads with a minimum Safe Working Load (SWL) of 150 tonnes.

**Further matters**

LNG vessels will transit all channels and cuttings with two approved escort tugs at speeds up to about 10 knots with tugs made fast. Although the decision as to where to make the tugs fast will be made after consultation between the pilots and the LNG vessel master, it is expected that both escort tugs should be attached on the stern (tandem deployment) for inbound and outbound transits of the port.

Four escort tugs should be ready to make fast between A1 and A5 subject to the discretion of the harbour pilot in charge in conjunction with the vessel's master. All tugs will be progressively released on departure between A5 and A1 also subject to the discretion of the harbour pilot in charge in conjunction with the vessel's master.

**Requirements**

The tug securing equipment on your vessel may require tethered escort tugs to exceed the equipment's maximum SWL.

It is a condition of approval of escort towage for your vessel, as described above, that you provide an indemnity in relation to any damage caused by the escort tugs to your vessel.

Please sign and return the following **enclosed** documents:

1. Duplicate of this letter
2. Deed of Indemnity.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at the Maritime Safety Queensland Gladstone office on 4971 5200.

Yours faithfully



John Fallon  
**Regional Harbour Master - Gladstone**

Read, acknowledged and agreed by:
..... Signature
On the ..... day of .....
..... Name
..... Master/Owner/Charterer
..... Company
..... Address
..... Contact details

**Deed of Indemnity  
Port of Gladstone - Escort Tugs**

<p><b>Responsible person</b></p>	<p>..... Name</p> <p>..... Master/Owner/Charterer - please choose</p> <p>..... Company</p> <p>..... Address</p> <p>..... Email address and telephone contact details</p>
<p><b>Vessel</b></p>	<p>MV</p> <p>..... Name</p> <p>IMO Number</p> <p>..... Number</p> <p>being an LNG vessel fitted with bitts, bollards, chocks and associated equipment rated at less than a 150 tonne safe working load.</p>

I, as (select applicable) of the above vessel hereby:

1. indemnify the Pilot, the Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited and the State of Queensland (represented by the Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland) for any damage (including consequential loss) caused by escort tugs to the vessel's bitts and associated equipment which arises directly as a result of any increase in the towage forces
2. acknowledge that this indemnity does not affect, and is in addition to any other indemnity provided by statute.

**Executed as a Deed**

For and on behalf of a company

**Signed sealed and delivered**

.....  
Company name

On the ..... day of .....

in accordance with section 127 of the  
*Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*:

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Signature of director

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Signature of company secretary/director

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Full name of director

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Full name of company secretary/director

For an individual

**Signed sealed and delivered**

On the ..... day of .....

in the presence of: .....

.....  
Signature

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Signature of witness

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Full name of individual

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Full name of witness

Seen and acknowledged

**John A Fallon**  
**Regional Harbour Master - Gladstone**

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