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## VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

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**PORT OF GEELONG**

### **INVESTIGATIVE WORKS FOR CHANNELS UPGRADE PROJECT**

**Date:** Effective from October 28, 2015 to November 9, 2015 approximately.

**Details** As part of a future Channels Upgrade Project, investigative works in the vicinity of No 1 and No 2 Beacons in the Wilson Spit Channel will be conducted by the Heron operated back hoe vessel Machiavelli between the dates given above. The Machiavelli with barges and accompanying tugs PT Mary and PT May will be working in and around the southern edge of the channel and will at all times endeavour to keep the channel clear for ships in transit. Occasionally, the ongoing works may extend temporarily into the channel (approximately 40 meters from the toe line). The Duty Marine Controller will check the Machiavelli's working status and position prior to allowing ships to transit through the area. The works will be conducted on a 24 hour basis and the Machiavelli and accompanying craft will display appropriate signals as required by the International Collision Regulations.

Masters of commercial vessels using the channels of Geelong during the above operations are advised to maintain a strong awareness of the Machiavelli's activities. Actions like slowing down when passing (if requested) and communicating directly with the Machiavelli on VHF Channel 12 may need to be included into the vessel's passage plan prior to entering or departing from the port of Geelong. The Duty Marine Controller may be contacted on VHF Channel 12 or on 03-52470300 at all times for information regarding the Machiavelli's latest position and activities. Non-commercial mariners and recreational craft are also reminded vide this Public Notice of their safety obligations and are requested not to navigate within a minimum distance of 250 meters of the Machiavelli and her accompanying tugs at all times

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Affected:**

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**Further Notice:** Further Notices will not be issued

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