



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Transport**

## **Temporary Notice to Mariners**

### **Surficial Sediment Sampling Program Ports of Barrow & Varanus Islands**

Mariners are advised that a surficial sediment sampling program is being conducted as part of the Gorgon Project until around 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

There are potentially up to one hundred and twenty sampling sites which span across the eastern side of the island, with samples being collected by divers at some sites, and via Van Veen Grab at other sites.

Vessels taking part in this sampling program are the Komodo and Calypso. All vessels taking part in the above activities will exhibit shapes and lights in accordance with the Prevention of Collisions at Sea Regulations 1983. The International code flag "A" will be exhibited during diving operations.

Exact timing of sampling in each location will be subject to weather conditions.

**Mariners are advised to navigate with caution when transiting the Ports of Barrow and Varanus Islands and keep clear of the above activities.**

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