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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 6 September 2023 requesting a review of the minimum air draft requirements for a bridge spanning the Bulimba Reach of the Brisbane River.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) in providing its advice about the minimum air draft clearance beneath a proposed structure, considers the impact on the current and potential use of the waterway and the effectiveness and efficiency of the maritime industry.

While recognising the changing use of the Brisbane River, the MSQ advice provided at the time of publication of the TMR *Bulimba to Tenerife Active Transport Bridge Summary Planning Report* remains relevant. I am advised that the section of the Brisbane River upstream of Bulimba continues to see use by vessels of a significant air draft, including construction traffic and superyachts. I would expect this usage to grow as new developments continue to revitalise the city reaches of the Brisbane River.

As we continue to promote the use of the city reaches of the Brisbane River, any future proposal to reduce air draft clearances would require extensive consultation with the numerous private waterfront residences and commercial facilities that may currently, or in the future wish to, accommodate high air draft vessels.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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