Information for the electricity network operators (crossing controllers only)
1 Introduction

This document provides an overview of, and links to, the information provided on NSW Maritime's Internet site for the electricity network operators (ie the crossing controllers) and for the Department of Water and Energy if required.

2 Crossings incident reporting

NSW Maritime has a standard Vessel Incident Report (VIR) which is used by the boating public to report boating incidents.

Normally boating incidents are reported to NSW Maritime or to the Police. However sometimes they may be reported to the crossing incident or to the Department of Water and Energy in the first instance. If this occurs NSW Maritime requests the crossing controller or Department to advise the vessel operator of their responsibility to complete the VIR and forward it to NSW Maritime as required under the Maritime Legislation.

The crossing controller is also requested to share any known crossing incident details with NSW Maritime to assist in ensuring the vessel operator involved submits the VIR. To facilitate the information sharing process crossing controllers are requested to use the crossingincidents@maritime.nsw.gov.au email address.

3 Crossing incident analysis

If a crossing incident occurs it will be analysed in accordance with the Protocol for Incident Reporting and Analysis which has been agreed by NSW Maritime and the crossing controllers.

4 Crossing incident database

NSW Maritime has prepared a spreadsheet of all crossing incidents which have been reported to it since its database was developed in 1992. This is provided to the crossing controllers to assist in undertaking research when developing new or modifying existing crossings of navigable waters. This information may also be useful information to the Department of Water and Energy.
5 Crossing data exchange

NSW Maritime and the crossing controllers have also agreed to a Protocol for Exchange of GIS Data.

6 Updating this information

This document and its attachments will be updated by NSW Maritime as required.