**Introduction of new 12 metre vertical height limit for Clyde River marine vessels at Batemans Bay Bridge**

**Construction is progressing for the new Batemans Bay Bridge**

**What are we doing?**

From **Monday 7 September**, weather permitting, a new **12 metre vertical clearance limit** above mean high water springs (MHWS) at the Batemans Bay Bridge will be in place for marine vessels travelling the Clyde River.

Once the existing bridge has been removed the New Batemans Bay Bridge will provide uninterrupted access to the Clyde River for marine vessels within the vertical clearance limit.

**What you need to know**

The existing bridge lift span will continue to operate during project construction. When the lift span is closed, the existing Batemans Bay Bridge has a vertical clearance limit of 3.6 metres above MHWS.

On the new bridge, one of the six spans has been completed, the next span is underway and will pass over part of the navigation channel. As the new bridge takes shape the new 12 metre vertical clearance limit is required to provide safe passage under the bridge for marine traffic.

Due to the continued works associated with the construction of the new bridge, exclusion zones and vessel operating restrictions will remain in effect on the Clyde River. A navigation channel has been established on the river to provide for the passage of vessels through the zone.

River users are advised to follow buoyage and instruction on site, pay attention to signage and reduce speed to four knots to minimise wash.