

18 June 2019

## Hot issues brief – Japanese warship collision with wharf

### **Media response**

The Japanese warship *JS Kunisaki* collided with the wharf when departing the Brisbane Cruise Terminal (Portside) about 8.30 this morning.

There were no reports of injuries.

The incident did not affect operations at the terminal.

There is some damage to the wharf

Maritime Safety Queensland will work with the Royal Australian Navy to determine the cause and implement any corrective actions if required.

The Japanese Embassy is addressing media enquiries.

### **BACKGROUND**

- The *JS Kunisaki* is an 8900-tonne, 178-metre Ōsumi class amphibious transport dock.
- The ship's stern hit the wharf during a swing operation in the Hamilton Reach, Brisbane River, resulting in damage to a fixed wharf tender.
- Maritime Safety Queensland was notified of the incident.
- At this stage it is believed one fender pile has been damaged.
- MSQ has not been advised of any damage to the warship which has been relocated to Fisherman Island wharf.
- A preliminary report has been prepared by the Royal Australian Navy Pilot and further damage reports are being sought from Brisbane Cruise Terminal.
- The fender damage did not prevent a US warship berthing at the same facility soon after the incident.
- MSQ will work with the wharf owner to minimise any potential disruption to cruise shipping during the permanent repairs.
- MSQ has no jurisdiction to formally investigate the incident but will work with the RAN to determine causal factors and ensure corrective actions are in place.

		<b>Contact for further information:</b>	<i>Brisbane Regional Harbour Master Glenn Hale</i> <small>Not relevant</small>



Region

Brisbane

Alert type

First and final

**Type of incident?** (e.g. vessel sinking, collision, fatality)

Collision - Wharf Damage

**When did it happen?**

Date

18 / 06 / 2019

Time (12hr format)

08:30

hh:mm

**What has happened/is about to happen?**

Japanese Warship "JS KUNISAKI" on departure from the Brisbane Cruise Terminal, during the swing, the ships stern collided with the wharf structure resulting in damage to a fixed wharf fender.

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**Where has it happened?** (general positional description)

Brisbane Cruise Terminal (also known as Portside), Hamilton Reach, Brisbane River.

**Who is involved?** (e.g. individuals/companies/government agencies/Members of Parliament)

Japanese Navy, Royal Australian Navy, Brisbane Cruise Terminal, Maritime Safety Queensland.

**What action has been/will be taken by Maritime Safety Queensland?**

Maritime Safety Queensland has received notification of the incident and preliminary report from the Royal Australian Navy Pilot and obtaining further damage reports from the Brisbane Cruise Terminal.

Maritime Safety Queensland will work with the Royal Australian Navy to determine the causal factors and implement the necessary corrective actions.

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