



Australian Sailing Conference

Maritime Safety Queensland

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About us



Maritime safety

A scenic view of a lake at sunset. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and purple, reflecting on the calm water. In the foreground, a wooden pier with a lattice railing extends into the water. Two small motorboats are docked at the pier. In the background, there are mountains under a clear blue sky.

Our goal: the triple zero of marine safety—zero accidents, zero casualties, zero ship-sourced pollution incidents.



QRS (other)



First things first.....

- Your ship's classification
- General Safety Obligation
- Safety Management System



Who are you?

Queensland Regulated Ships (QRS) are broken down into two categories:

- recreational ship
- other Queensland regulated ship



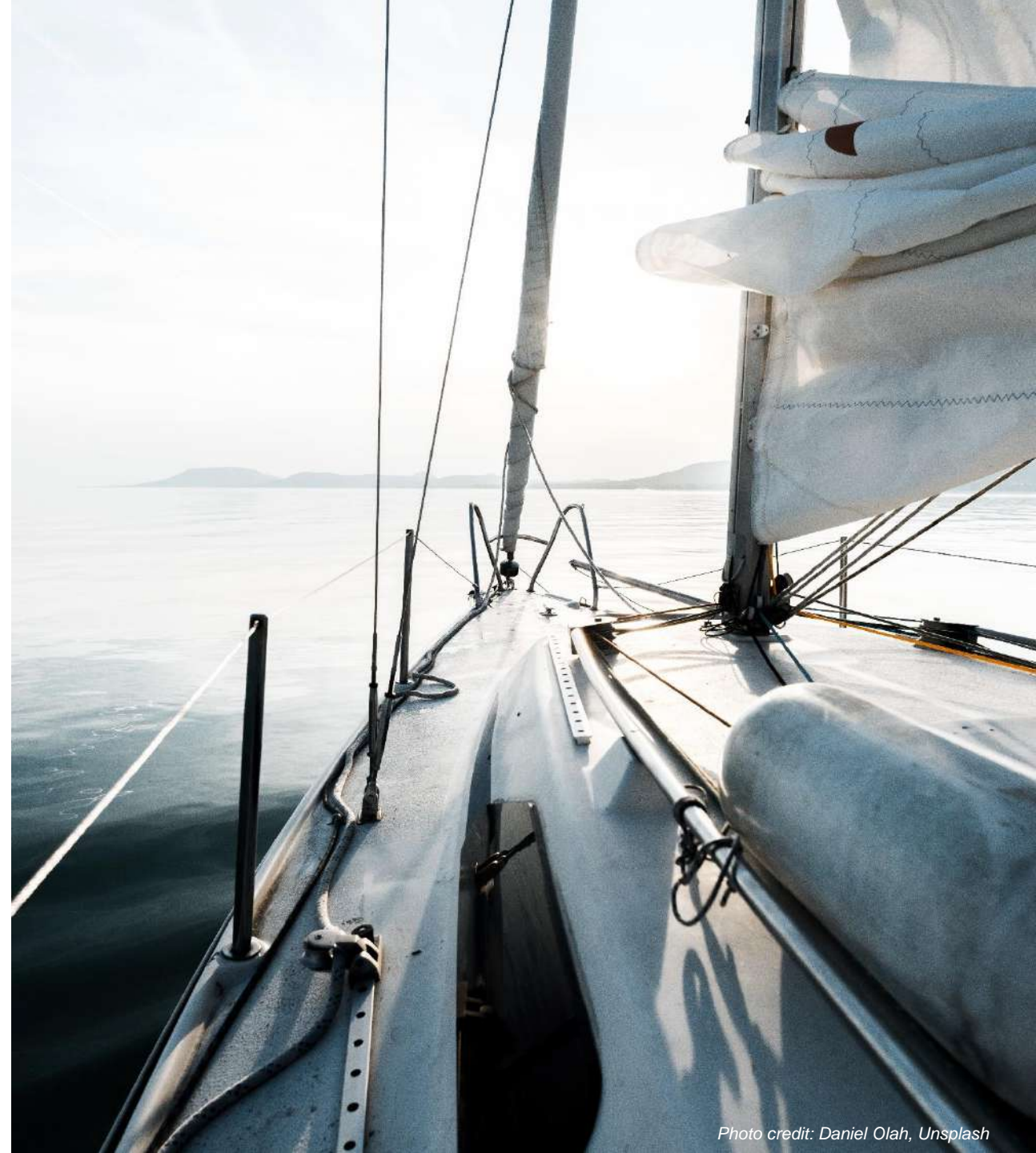
Other Queensland regulated ship....

or QRS (other).

As part of an association, your ship is classified as an 'other Queensland regulated ship'.

This is a ship that is not a:

- recreational ship
- domestic commercial vessel (DCV)
- tender to a ship - that is not a recreational ship or DCV



General Safety Obligation

All vessel owners and operators have a General Safety Obligation to operate vessels safely at all times that are:

- seaworthy
- properly equipped
- operated safely
- appropriately crewed



Your Safety Management System...

or SMS.

All owners or Masters of a QRS (other) must implement and maintain an SMS to ensure the safety of the crew and others, and to manage risk.



Your SMS

An SMS for a QRS (other) must include information outlined in the National Standard for Commercial Vessels Part E Operations (now Marine orders 504).

This also includes several operational requirements.

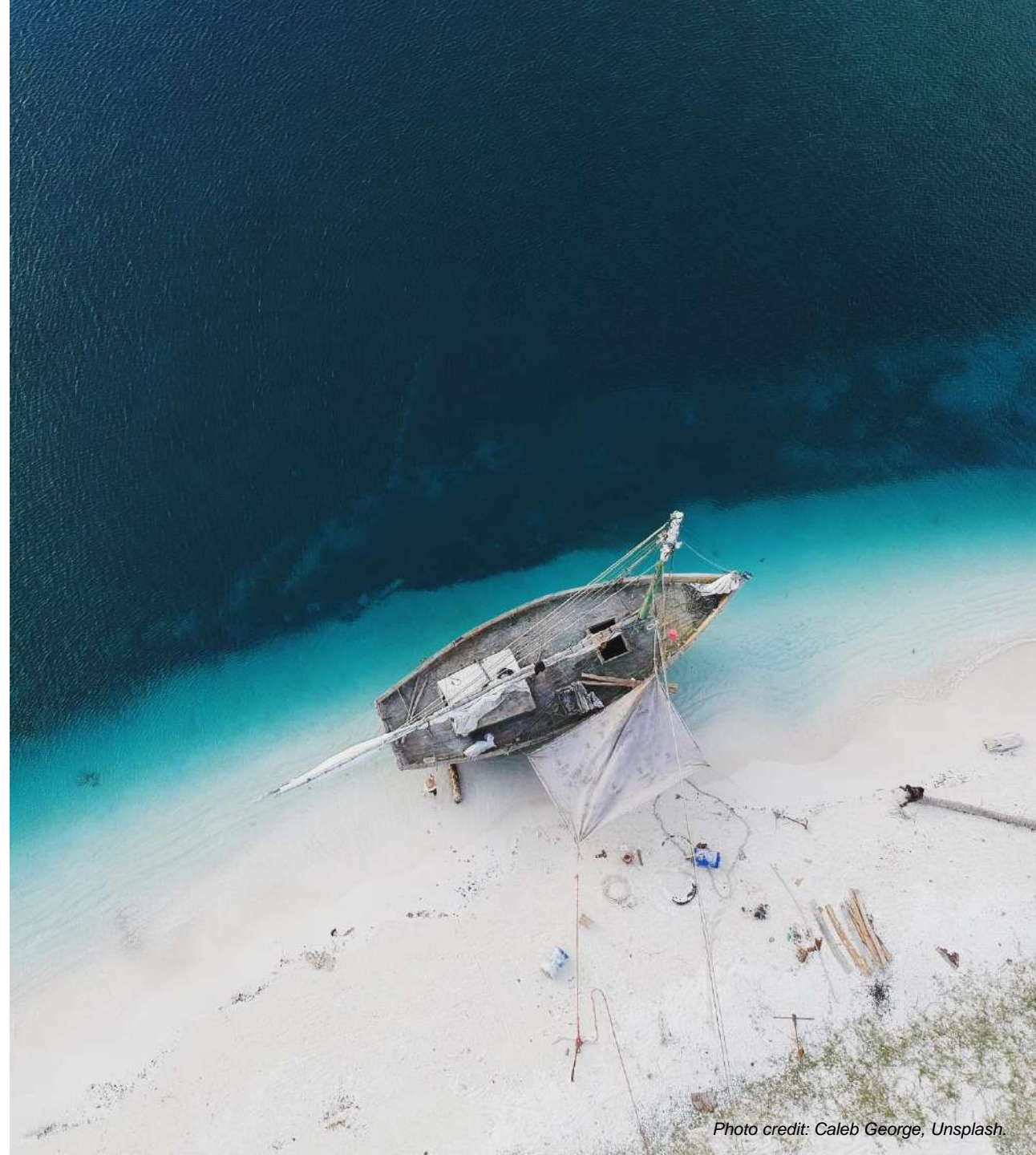


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Aquatic event planning



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What are aquatic events?

Aquatic events are held on or over water and include:

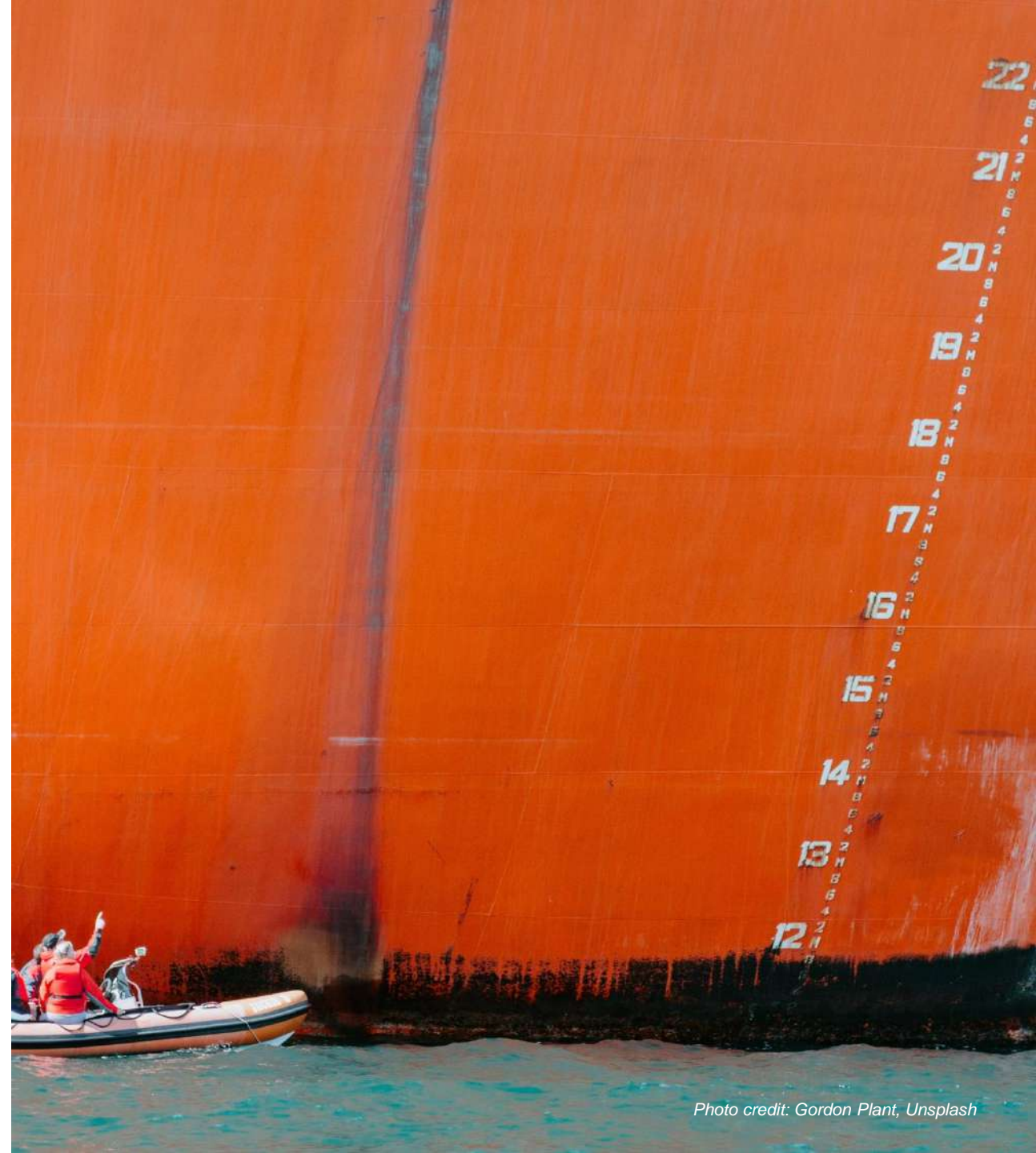
- sailing regattas
- boating schools
- swimming competitions
- water-skiing competitions
- powerboat races
- fireworks displays



Will the normal operation of ships be impacted?

If yes, you must obtain consent from Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ).

To ensure the safety of all water users, an Aquatic Event Application Form must be submitted to MSQ to obtain an aquatic event authority.



Aquatic Event Application (F1562)

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Aquatic Event Authority Application

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994
Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2016

- An application to hold an aquatic event must be submitted to Maritime Safety Queensland/Gold Coast Waterways Authority no less than 30 days prior to the proposed start date for a 'low risk' event (e.g. sailing and yachting regatta, swimming race) and no less than 90 days prior to the proposed start date for a 'high risk' event (e.g. power boat race, waterskiing competition, fireworks display). An application may be refused if there is insufficient time to allow for due consideration of all marine safety aspects.
- The application form, supporting documents and applicable fee must be submitted to the relevant Maritime Safety Queensland regional office/Gold Coast Waterways Authority office.
- Evidence of Identity (EOI) must be provided by the applicant and representative (if applicable). Examples of EOI include: for individuals, a Queensland driver licence; and for organisations, a Certificate of Incorporation. For the complete list of acceptable documents refer www.tmr.qld.gov.au.
- Additional information to accompany the application:
(If you have previously provided this information, ensure it has been updated for this application)
 - a copy of a detailed chart/map of the area in which the proposed event is to take place
 - a copy of the safety management plan and emergency response procedure
 - a copy of current public liability insurance.

Applicant details

Name of individual/organisation

Address

 Postcode

Organisation representative's full name

Position held (if applicable) Telephone Mobile

Email address

Note: The representative must be able to sign on behalf of the organisation.

Event details (please tick applicable boxes)

If there is insufficient space provide a separate sheet.

Title of event

Is the event held on a regular basis? Yes No

Has a marine incident occurred at this event within the last five years? No Yes Provide details below.

Describe the type of event to be held and the proposed location.

Number and type of ships to participate in the proposed event

Licensing and Registration

Unless exempt under a provision of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation*:

Are all participants appropriately licensed? Yes No Provide details below.

Are all participating ships appropriately registered? Yes No Provide details below.

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The date, commencement and completion times of the proposed event, including practice sessions. Provide details for each day of the event. If there is insufficient space provide a separate sheet.

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Aquatic event program attached? Yes No

Marshall/Co-ordinator/Organiser details (during the event)

Full name

Contact details

Location of event

A copy of a map, chartlet or a legible copy/extract of a UBD map is acceptable. The map/chartlet of the area should contain the following: clearly defined courses, distance and area co-ordinates, position and number of temporary marker buoys, and other placements (that is, safety ship positions, first aid location and event control).

Safety Management Plan and Emergency Response Procedure

Any risks associated with the proposed event are to be identified and strategies to alleviate these risks identified and implemented to ensure safety.

Has a safety management plan been developed? No Yes Provide copy

Has an emergency response procedure been developed? No Yes Provide copy

Public liability insurance

Do you have public liability insurance for the proposed event? No Yes Provide copy

Note: The public liability insurance must provide cover for at least \$20 million and list 'the State of Queensland acting through the Department of Transport and Main Roads' as an interested party on the certificate.

Fireworks display

If a fireworks display is part of the proposed aquatic event, has Resources Safety & Health Queensland been notified? Yes No

Information about the use of fireworks in Queensland is available at <https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/>

Declaration by applicant

I declare that I have read all the answers I have given to the questions in this application and that the answers given by me are complete, true and correct in every detail.

I understand that it is an offence under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act* to state anything or give a document to Maritime Safety Queensland that I know contains false and misleading information.

I understand that I may be prosecuted for giving or stating any false or misleading information and that penalties apply.

Applicant's signature Date

Office use only

Receiving officer's name <input type="text"/>	Evidence provided:
Receiving officer's signature <input type="text"/>	EOI organisation <input type="checkbox"/>
Application received <input type="text"/>	Map/chart <input type="checkbox"/>
Fee Receipt number <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Safety Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
	Emergency Response Procedure <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Liability Insurance <input type="checkbox"/>
	EOI representative <input type="checkbox"/>

Privacy Statement

The department/Gold Coast Waterways Authority is collecting the information on this form for the purpose of processing aquatic event authorities. This information is required under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act*. Authorised departmental officers and the Queensland Police Service will have access to this information and will not disclose your personal information to any other third party without your consent unless required to do so by law.

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Brisbane **07 3632 7500**

After hours incident report **07 3305 1700**

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www.msq.qld.gov.au/safety

Check with your service provider for all call costs.

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