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PENGUIN ISLAND SANDBAR CLOSED



The sandbar connecting Penguin Island to the mainland at Mersey Point is currently closed and access is not permitted.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has responsibility for managing the area and has determined that existing or forecast local weather and sea conditions pose too high a risk to allow access.

Tragically, lives have been lost by people attempting to cross the sandbar.

With the intent of preventing any future drowning or near miss, DEC strictly applies a cautious approach to managing access to the sandbar.

DEC has authority under Section 44(1) of the Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002 to close the sandbar and issue on-the-spot infringements to anyone who intentionally ignores the closure notice and enters the area.

For further information related to the sandbar closure, please phone DEC on 9303 7700.

