



Forth Crossing Act 2011

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PART 1

WORKS

6 Interference with navigation

- (1) Ministers, when carrying out the Forth Crossing works, may interfere with a right of navigation in the Firth of Forth (within the Act limits) but only—
 - (a) to the extent as may be required to carry out or maintain the Forth Crossing works, or
 - (b) where the Forth Crossing works may endanger navigation.
- (2) The interference with navigation may consist of such steps as Ministers consider necessary, including—
 - (a) controlling navigation,
 - (b) temporary closure of the Firth of Forth, or a part of it, to navigation,
 - (c) carrying out scour protection works,
 - (d) construction of temporary structures,
 - (e) construction of facilities for temporary mooring or anchoring of barges and other vessels,
 - (f) placing, removing or maintaining buoys, beacons or other navigational warning apparatus.
- (3) Ministers must—
 - (a) consult the relevant navigation authority before interfering with a right of navigation, and
 - (b) take reasonable steps to secure that the minimum obstruction, delay or interference is caused to vessels using or intending to use the Firth of Forth.
- (4) Ministers are not liable for any loss arising (including any costs or expenses sustained) as a direct or indirect result of exercising their powers under this section.