Infrastructure and Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns today announced that part of the East Arm Wharf which was closed on 19 June is being reopened.

“Stage One of the wharf, which is 490m long, was closed as a precautionary measure after three broken tie rods were discovered during routine inspections,” Dr Burns said.

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“Stage Two of the wharf, which is 274m long, has been open for business throughout.”

Dr Burns said there are a total of 400 tie rods which tie the wharf’s sheet pile wall back to concrete anchors.

After the discovery that three of the tie rods had failed, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure sought advice from experts on wharf structures, ground anchorage systems and fracture mechanics.

The result of their analyses, together with engineering modelling, has determined that the wharf can be safely put back into use.

Investigations are continuing into the reasons for the failure of the tie rods.

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