

Drunk with mobile phone took film of woman in toilet

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BRADLEY Harris is leaving Mackay in disgrace – getting as far away as he can – to Western Australia.

He doesn't want anyone here knowing that he filmed a woman on the toilet.

His victim is angry and embarrassed and now checks all toilets before using them. He was drunk at the time and is now remorseful but that hasn't helped his victim.

The woman, who can not be identified by law, was dining at a restaurant at a Mackay motel when she decided to go to the toilet, prosecutor Constable Karine Evans told the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

As she went in, she noticed the right-hand cubicle was occupied so she used the left-hand side one.

As she was about to leave, she saw Harris's head sticking under the partition between the stalls and that he had a mobile phone.

She screamed, ran out and called police.

Harris, who was staying at the motel, went to his room but soon phoned police and told them: "I've done something stupid."

He was directed to the front of the motel where police were taking a complaint from the woman.

Police officers seized the phone and saw a brief video recording on it, which they erased.

Solicitor Paul Smith, of Kelly Legal, said Harris was intoxicated and was now very remorseful.

Harris had written a

personal letter of apology to the woman, which police will pass onto her.

"He realises he's done wrong and he wants this to be as less stressful as possible for her," Mr Smith said.

"He's extremely remorseful and wants to move on with his life."

Magistrate Athol Kennedy said: "The lady, in my view, would have suffered some upset and concern, as would any woman."

And he asked Harris: "Have you told your mother and what does she think about it?"

Harris replied: "I've told

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– Magistrate Athol Kennedy

her. She's very unhappy."

In a victim impact statement, the woman said she now checks every time she goes to the toilet and that the incident left her very angry and embarrassed.

She said she was very concerned with having any contact with Harris and the magistrate ordered that Harris must not be told the woman's name.

The court heard that Harris is going to Western Australia on Monday.

He was jailed for two months, suspended immediately for 12 months, and was ordered to pay \$1600 compensation to the victim.



Bradley Harris chats on his mobile phone after his court case yesterday.

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Ships queue up for coal off Mackay ports

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together form the largest coal port in the world, have been heralded as a gleaming indicator that the icy winds of the economic downturn that bore down on the region late last year, might soon relent completely.

DBCT management chief executive officer Eric Kolatchew was not ready to say the hard times had gone but that this signalled a boost in coal sales from the region.

"It's a sign of a strengthening in demand," Mr Kolatchew said.

"It's been increasing since March and in April and May we did see a lot of activity from China."

Traditionally China has played a smaller part in our region's coal sales, but in the past few months, China has put itself forward as the biggest player for our coal resources.

"Historically, we would only see China buying about four per cent of the total coal going through DBCT," Mr Kolatchew said.

"But if the trend of April and May kept up for 12 months, it would jump up to about 45 per cent."

To have almost 90 ships off DBCT – not including the ones loaded by nearby Hay Point or Abbot Point, north of Bowen – is not only unprecedented, it's also impossible for the port to keep up with.

"In a good month, we might have 55 to 60 ships being loaded," he said

"In terms of contracts at port, the maximum level of contracts is about 70 ships.

"Our best months would have been about 66."

Queensland Rail backed DBCT's figures as it broke its own records.

"Tonnes hauled in the Goonyella system in the 2008/09 financial year are expected to exceed the levels of the previous year with records achieved in recent weeks," a spokesperson said.

"We expect demand to remain strong over coming months and we are working closely with all members of the supply chain including our customers and DBCT to maximise system capacity."

He said the terminal could export up to 72 million tonnes of coal a year, a figure not yet reached because the rail infrastructure in the Bowen Basin can't deliver so much coal to the port.

The figure of 88 will include ships queuing, being loaded and others still expected to arrive.

"We are unsure of how long the demand will be there because it's very difficult to get an accurate sustainable picture.

"But July and August will be as strong as June."

Giant miner BMA, which owns Hay Point, declined to comment about the level of coal being exported from its port yesterday.

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