**Marine Pollution Regulation 2014**

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**Part 3 > Division 2 > Clause 15**

15 **No discharge zones for treated sewage**

(1) This clause applies to the following waters—

(a) all inland waters,

(b) all intermittent closing and opening lagoons,

(c) waters in, and waters within 500 metres of, any of the following—

(i) an area in which aquaculture occurs,

(ii) an area normally used for swimming,

(iii) a beach,

(iv) a marine park or an aquatic reserve (within the meaning of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*),

(v) (Repealed)

(d) waters in which, and waters with 500 metres of waters in which, there is any of the following—

(i) a person,

(ii) a moored or anchored vessel,

(iii) a marina.

(2) A person must not discharge or deposit treated sewage from a vessel into any waters to which this clause applies or onto the bank or bed of any such waters or any adjacent waters unless the sewage is discharged or deposited—

(a) into a waste collection facility, or

(b) in accordance with an environment protection licence issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

(3) The owner and master of a vessel are each guilty of an offence if treated sewage is discharged or deposited from the vessel by any person in contravention of subclause (2).

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

(4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under subclause (3) if the defendant shows that all reasonable measures were taken to prevent the discharge or deposit from the vessel.