



This map is a guide only and should not be used for navigation purposes. Refer to the *Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 and Regulation 2018* for complete ship-sourced sewage requirements.

- Declared ships** have a fixed toilet, and are:
- domestic commercial vessels with a certificate of operation issued, or taken to be issued, under the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012* stating it is a class 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 4C, 4D or 4E ship; or
  - other Queensland regulated ships regulated under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation 2016* designed to carry more than 12 passengers.

- Ships other than declared ships** are all other ships, and include:
- all recreational ships
  - domestic commercial vessels with a certificate of operation issued, or taken to be issued, under the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012* stating it is a class 2 or 3
  - other Queensland regulated ships regulated under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation 2016* designed to carry up to 12 passengers.

1852 metres = 1 nautical mile  
926 metres = 1/2 nautical mile  
Coastal waters courtesy GeoScience Australia AMB V2  
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**LEGEND**

- Discharge prohibited
- Reefs (not all reefs may be shown)
- Coastal waters (3nM limit)
- 926 metre line
- Pump-out station
- Toilet
- Caravan dump station

**Discharge permitted with the following restrictions:**

- Grade A treated sewage - Discharge permitted (i.e.no further restrictions)
- Grade B treated sewage - No discharge within 700m of a person in the water, aquaculture fisheries resource (e.g. oyster lease) or a reef
- Grade C treated sewage - No discharge within 926m of a person in the water, aquaculture fisheries resource (e.g.oyster lease) or a reef

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Treated sewage discharge restrictions for declared ships under the *Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 and Regulation 2018*

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**OFFSHORE CAIRNS**  
Treated sewage - declared ships



**SHIP-SOURCED SEWAGE – DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MAP SERIES (ONLY)**

**Sewage discharge requirements for Declared Ships under the  
*Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 and Regulation 2018***

<b>Declared Ships</b>	<p><b>1st September 2018</b></p> <p>A Declared ship's owner must ensure that the ship is fitted with a macerator and that sewage is unable to bypass the macerator.</p> <p>A Declared ship must be fitted with a sewage holding device when operating (which includes anchoring, berthing, or mooring) in any Nil Discharge Waters (illegal water in which to discharge, see below)</p>
<b>Untreated sewage discharge requirements</b>	<p><b>Prohibited Discharge Waters</b></p> <p>Illegal to discharge in coastal waters that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a boat harbour</li> <li>- a canal</li> <li>- a marina</li> <li>- an area within the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park prescribed under Schedule 6 of the Regulation</li> </ul> <p><b>Smooth Waters (Includes rivers, creeks and designated smooth waters)</b></p> <p><b>* Illegal to discharge</b></p> <p><b>Open Waters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 1 to 15 persons - Illegal to discharge within ½ nautical mile (926m) of a wharf or jetty, other than a jetty that is a marina</li> <li>* 1 to 15 persons - Illegal to discharge within 1 nautical mile (1852 metres) of a person in the water, or aquaculture fisheries resources</li> <li>* 7 to 15 persons - Illegal to discharge within 1 nautical mile (1852 metres) of a reef, or the low water mark of an island or the mainland</li> <li>* 16 or more persons - Illegal to discharge in open waters</li> </ul>
<b>Treated Sewage discharge requirements</b>	<p><b>Prohibited Discharge Waters</b></p> <p>Illegal to discharge in coastal waters that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a boat harbour</li> <li>- a canal</li> <li>- a marina</li> <li>- an area within the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park prescribed under Schedule 6 of the Regulation</li> </ul> <p><b>Smooth Waters and Open Waters</b></p> <p>Illegal to discharge Grade C Treated Sewage within ½ nautical mile (926 metres) of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a person in the water</li> <li>- aquaculture fisheries resources</li> <li>- reef</li> </ul> <p>Illegal to discharge Grade B Treated Sewage within 700 m of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a person in the water</li> <li>- aquaculture resources</li> <li>- a reef.</li> </ul> <p>Illegal to discharge Grade A Treated Sewage in prohibited discharge waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No other restrictions</li> </ul>
<b>On-Board Documents</b>	<p>All vessels with a sewage treatment system are required to have the following on-board and available for inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shipboard sewage management plan</li> <li>- Sewage sewage disposal record book</li> <li>- Sewage treatment system manufacturer's details</li> <li>- Sewage treatment system documentation</li> <li>- Sewage treatment system service manual</li> <li>- Sewage treatment system service records including maintenance and assessment documentation</li> </ul>