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Declaration of Exemption

I, David Robert Connolly, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council and in accordance with the recommendation of the Minister for Water Resources, under section 44(8) of the *Water Act 1992* and with reference to section 42(1) of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, make the declaration set out in the Schedule.

Responsible Minister:

J. R. BURGOYNE
Minister for Water Resources

D. R. CONNOLLY
Administrator

Dated 16 July 2026

Schedule

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

aquaculture activity means a project or operation for the commercial production of aquatic animals or for related research.

environment protection licence, see section 4(1) of the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*.

exempt water means water that:

- (a) is flowing or contained in a waterway; and
- (b) is tidal water; and
- (c) is not fresh water.

2 Exemption

Section 44(1) and (2) of the *Water Act 1992* does not apply to the taking of exempt water for an aquaculture activity, subject to the condition that the operator of the activity:

- (a) holds a waste discharge licence or an environment protection licence in relation to the activity; and
 - (b) complies with the conditions of the licence.
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