



Fisheries Compliance Principles & Priorities

Compliance Principles – the way we work

WHAT IS A COMPLIANCE PRINCIPLE?

A compliance principle guides how we monitor, enforce, and promote compliance with the *Fisheries Act 1988*. These principles inform the way we work, the way we conduct ourselves in the community, and our approach to ensuring sustainable fishing.

Fair

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Compliance with the *Fisheries Act 1988* and regulations is mandatory for everyone. Compliance and enforcement activities are applied consistently to ensure fairness for all stakeholders.



Proportionate

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Any breach of the *Fisheries Act 1988* or regulations will be addressed through enforcement responses that are proportionate to the nature and severity of the offence/s.



Transparent

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We are committed to openness and accountability by providing publicly accessible information about our compliance and enforcement activities. This transparency supports trust and confidence between the community, industry and government.



In Partnership

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With Fishers: A high standard of understanding and voluntary compliance is expected of individuals and businesses taking publicly owned aquatic resources, particularly those who take aquatic life for commercial purposes under licences or permits.

With the Territory Community: Community cooperation and support is essential to maintaining sustainable fishing. Reporting unusual behaviour and breaches of the *Fisheries Act 1988* and regulations plays an important role in shaping targeted compliance and enforcement activities.

