

On-the-spot fines to keep waterways clean

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Operators who fail to meet their ship-sourced pollution prevention responsibilities will face swift penalties with **Maritime Safety Queensland marine officers now able to issue on-the-spot fines of more than \$1000.**

Maritime Safety Queensland is committed to protecting the environment and these new powers send a very clear message that our waterways should be kept safe and clean.

Marine officers can now board a vessel with a ticket book and deal with specific breaches there and then. Some offences such as failing to keep proper records of sewage and oil disposal or not having proper **sewage treatment units on board carry fines of \$1100.**

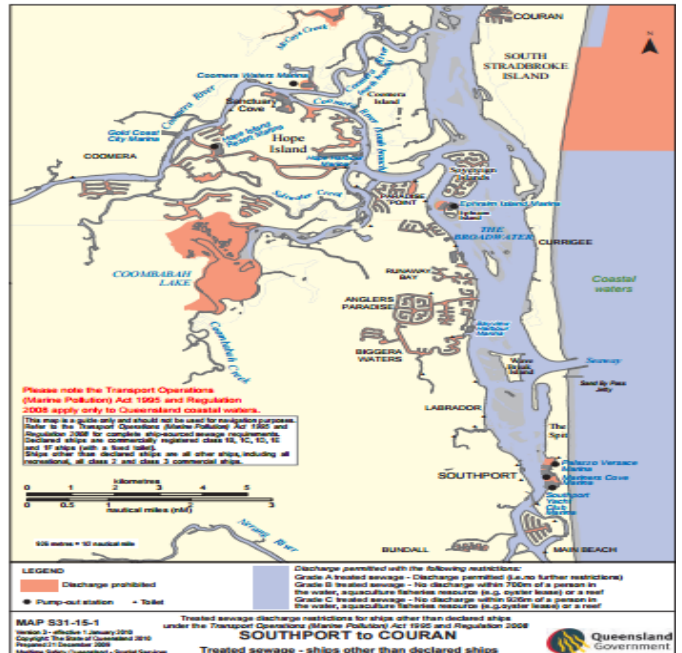
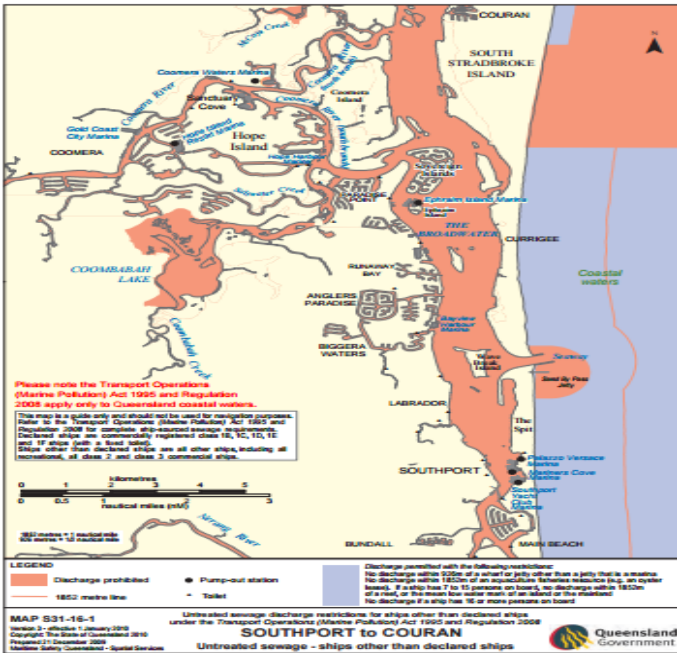
The new powers will be particularly relevant to ports where the large volume and frequency of shipping activity requires a high level of cooperation between vessel operators and regulators. Already marine officers and their water police partners have conducted a series of compliance operations in Gladstone Harbour focusing primarily on safety and pollution obligations.

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