



Reef protection regulations— Compliance

The Department of Environment and Science assesses compliance with the Reef protection regulations.

Agricultural officers will visit your property to provide information about what is required and ways to achieve voluntary compliance and, while identifying whether the requirements are being met.

What will a visit involve?

Agricultural officers will:

- send you a letter to arrange a suitable time for the visit
- request details of any hygiene or biosecurity protocols
- request your records (these can be submitted electronically before the visit)
- inspect areas of your farm (and take photos)
- review your farm practices against the requirements.

What happens after the visit?

Agricultural officers will:

- send you a letter with the results of the visit and any changes that need to be made
- organise a follow-up visit if required.

What if I don't comply?

You will have the opportunity to fix any issues and will be revisited to check the required changes have been made.

If you continue to be non-compliant, enforcement action may be taken. This could include warning and direction notices, fines and court prosecution.

What are the priority areas for visits?

The focus is on those basins identified as the highest risk to Reef water quality in the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan. They are:

- **Sugarcane:** Proserpine, Plane, O'Connell, Haughton and Pioneer River basins; followed by the Mossman, Daintree, Mulgrave-Russell, Herbert and Burdekin River basins
- **Grazing:** Burdekin region, Fitzroy, Herbert and Mary River basins followed by the Johnstone, O'Connell and Burnett River basins
- **Bananas:** Johnstone and Tully River basins.

Who is a low priority for compliance?

Producers who are accredited under a recognised accreditation program or taking part in an acknowledged practice change project will be considered a lower priority for compliance inspections.

What if my property has been affected by a disaster?

The department will consider unforeseen events such as natural disasters and biosecurity incidents when planning compliance visits.

Where can I find more information?



Web: www.qld.gov.au/ReefRegulations

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