

# Tactical Compliance Plan 2008–09

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

objective—

‘to assess levels of environmental compliance by business, industry and the community and to develop an evidenced based understanding of environmental risk’

**'taking the steps to understand environmental risk and its management'**

**Introduction**

The objective of the EPA's Compliance Strategy 2008-12 is to build a foundation of environmental compliance from which business, industry and the community can engage with sustainability. The EPA's compliance program is **targeted** and **transparent**.

The Tactical Compliance Plan is broken into four primary program areas:

**Area Program**

Compliance inspections of all premises/activities within a selected area, such as water catchments, industrial estates, or EPA estate focusing on a particular environmental or conservation issue such as water, odour or visitor behaviour.

**Activity Program**

Compliance inspections of a sample of an activity that has a potential impact on the environment to identify

any systematic issues such as baseline compliance performance, environmental regulation effectiveness, unlicensed operators, as well as evidence of best practice.

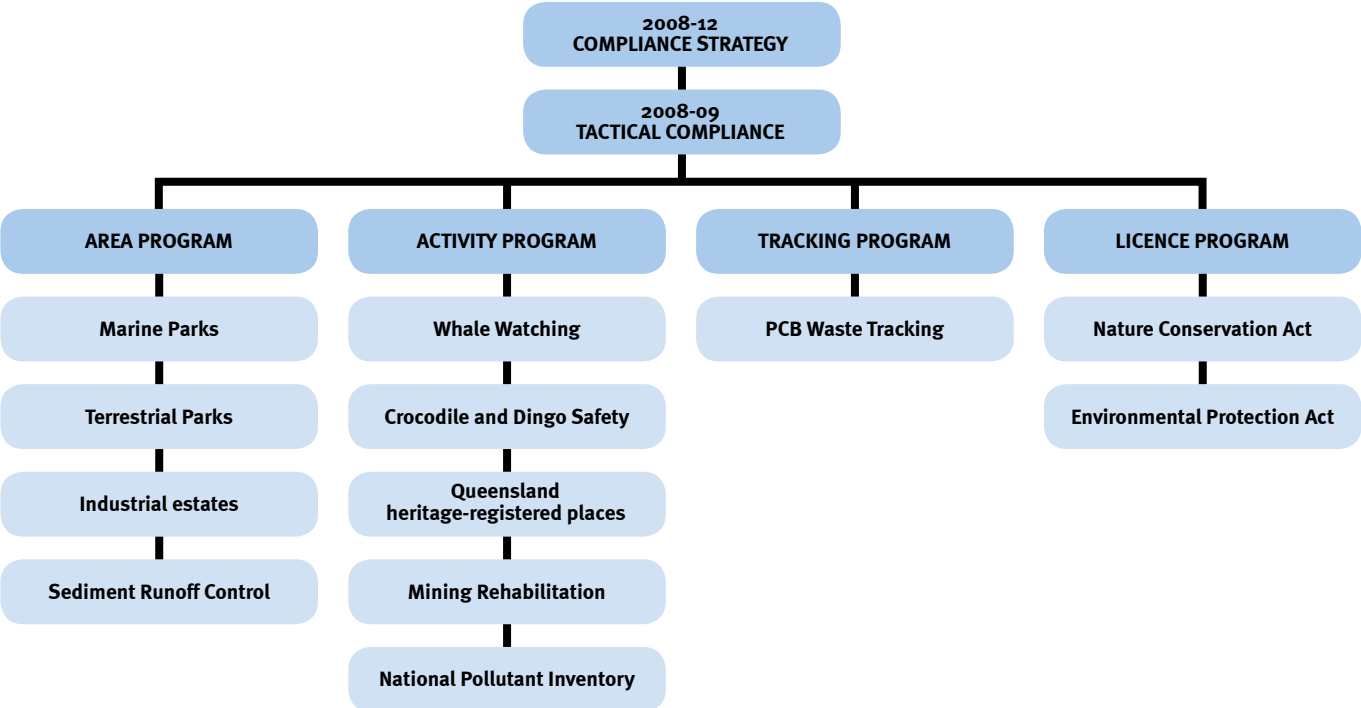
**Tracking Program**

Carried out for activities such as waste product or protected wildlife management to ensure things are accounted for, transported, treated and/or disposed of in an appropriate manner.

**Licence Program**

Compliance inspections of any person or a business the EPA licences, to ensure compliance with approval conditions. The inspection type and frequency is determined by the level of environmental risk posed by the licensed activity.

The EPA will deliver a number of projects within each program area. These are illustrated below.



## 'focusing on contemporary 'green' and 'brown' environmental issues'

Area Program			
Project Name	Scope	Focus	Strategy
<b>Marine Parks</b>	All State marine parks	Marine Park users	Educate users on appropriate vessel speeds and the activities permitted within green zones. Monitor visitor behaviour, taking remedial action where required.
<b>Terrestrial Parks</b>	All terrestrial parks.	Estate users	Educate users on activities such as vegetation clearing, fire management, domestic pets, protecting sensitive areas, feeding/taking wildlife, littering, etc. Monitor visitor behaviour, taking remedial action where required.
<b>Industrial Estates</b>	All premises within 58 industrial estates in Queensland, over a 3-year period. (2008-09 is the final year of the program and incorporates 25 industrial estates)	Best practice environmental management and compliance with performance standards	In partnership with participating local governments, inspect 920 premises located within 25 industrial estates to identify non-compliances and environmental risks, taking remedial action where required. Characterise 25 industrial estates based on actual/potential environmental impacts
<b>Sediment Runoff Control</b>	Urban construction sites on the Sunshine Coast.	Sediment control and stormwater management on construction sites.	In partnership with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the EPA will inspect sites to identify non-compliance and immediate risks, taking remedial action where required. Develop a Sediment and Erosion Control package for regulatory agencies to apply state-wide, to educate and regulate the land development industry.

Activity Program			
Project Name	Scope	Focus	Strategy
<b>Whale Watching</b>	Whales migrating through the Great Sandy Marine Park from July to November.	Marine Park users	Education visitors on the appropriate behaviour around whales. Monitor visitor behaviour, taking remedial action where required.
<b>Crocodile and Dingo Safety</b>	Crocodile and Dingo habitats across Queensland.	Human animal interactions	Educate visitors about the importance and dangers of crocodiles and dingoes through various interpretive strategies. Monitor human animal interactions taking remedial action as required.
<b>Queensland heritage-registered places</b>	Current condition of State heritage places.	Identify essential maintenance requirements of State heritage places, particularly those in urban areas.	Educate owners of heritage places about essential maintenance. A combination of self-assessment and visual inspection of the condition of State heritage places, taking remedial actions where required.
<b>Mining Rehabilitation</b>	Comprehensive 4-year project (commencing 2008-09)	Accuracy of information in Plans of Operation	Examine the accuracy of information contained in Plans of Operation, particularly the categorisation of significantly disturbed land and calculation of Financial Assurance.

## Activity Program (cont.)

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<b>National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) Emission Reporting</b>	NPI Emission Reports submitted to EPA.	Validity of Reports.	<p>Validate all reports (conducting onsite audits of nine of the highest emitting facilities) taking remedial action where required.</p> <p>Promote consistent/accurate approaches to emissions monitoring and estimation.</p> <p>Conduct NPI reporting training to EPA regional staff</p>

## Tracking Program

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<b>Waste Tracking</b>	Waste movements across Queensland, with Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) as a pilot study.	Regulated waste generation, transport, treatment, disposal and tracking.	Determine the level of compliance with waste management legislation, respond to non-compliance, and identify areas for regulatory compliance improvements across the waste sector.

## Licence Program

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<b>Nature Conservation Act 1992</b>	Permits issued under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> .	Compliance with performance standards.	Review our current approach to, and develop an improved strategy for the proactive monitoring of compliance with activities permitted under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> (for implementation in 2009-10).
<b>Environmental Protection Act 1994</b>	Environmental approvals	Best practice environmental management and compliance with performance standards	Regionally delivered proactive compliance inspection program targeted at 280+ highest risk sites.

