

EPA – function & focus

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

- The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is a statutory authority established under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPCA)*
- EMPCA has strong integration with the other Acts and in particular, the *Land Use and Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.
- *EPA also has responsibilities under:*
 - *Litter Act 2007*
 - *Marine-related Incidents (MARPOL Implementation) Act 2020*

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POLLUTION CONTROL ACT 1994**

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EPA Core activities



Image showing all level 2 activities under active regulation

ASSESSMENT: The EPA assesses proposed activities that are classified as Level 2 activities under EMPCA

REGULATION OF LEVEL 2 ACTIVITIES: 578 actively regulated larger premises (level 2 activities)

REGULATOIN OF NON LEVEL 2 DESCRIBED BY REGULATION: Other non-level 2 activities prescribed by regulation include UPSS (394 active) and Controlled Waste Transporters (211 active). EMPCA outlines a coregulatory model and Councils have powers for regulation of non level 2 activities.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT: investigation and enforcement of compliance with the legislation that we administer. Investigations are carried out in accordance with compliance and enforcement policy and procedures consistent with national standards.

EPA and Level 2 Wastewater Treatment Plants

- 81 “level 2” wastewater treatment plants (77 TasWater’s)
- Further 33 “Level 1” TasWater wastewater treatment plants regulated by Council
- EPAs regulatory effort focussed on L2 plant performance and effluent quality

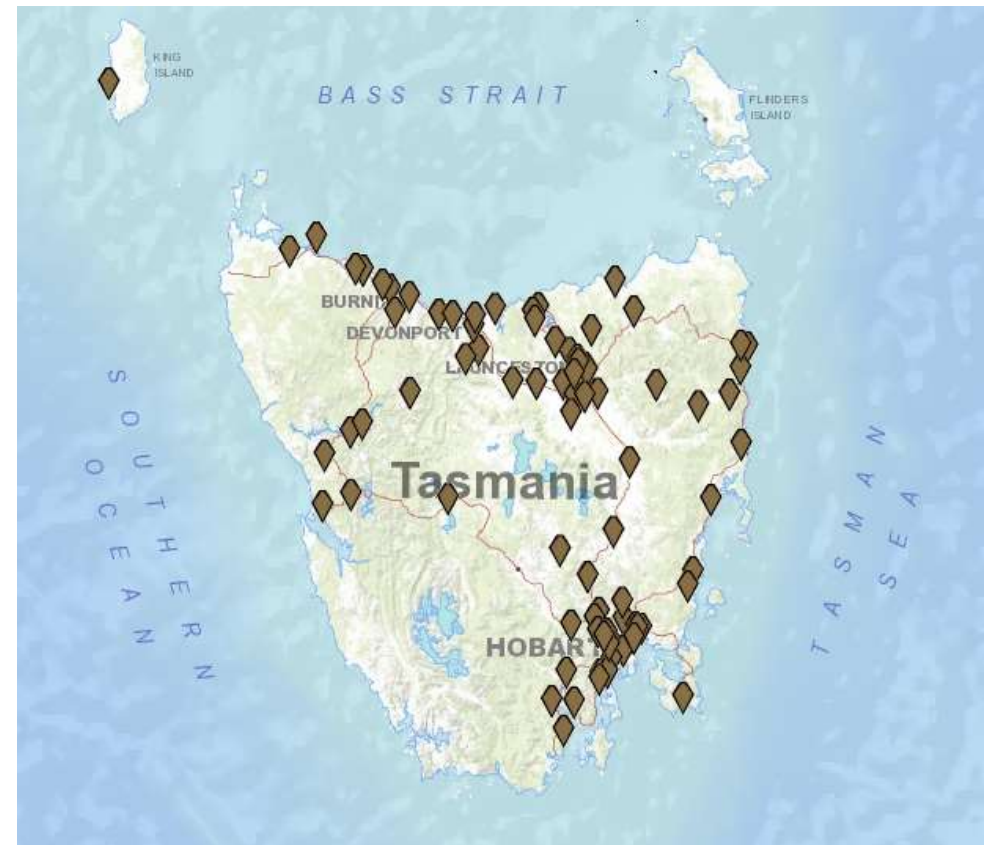


Image showing 81 “Level 2” Wastewater Treatment Plants regulated by EPA

Challenges and Opportunities

- About 4500km of TasWater sewer network
- Consideration of different approaches under EPAs compliance and enforcement frameworks
- Renewed focus on considering priority areas for management



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