

# Waiver of application fees for permits issued under the *Marine Parks Act 2007*

The Marine Parks Variation Regulations 2014 provide that application fees for permits issued under the *Marine Parks Act 2007* may be waived:

## **Regulation 14—Waiver or refund of permit fees**

*The minister may waive a fee payable in relation to an application for a permit, or any application under this Part, if satisfied that—*

- (a) *The application is made in connection with—*
  - (i) *A statutory authorisation; or*
  - (ii) *An authorisation or matter under a law of the Commonwealth; or*
- (b) *It is otherwise appropriate to do so in a particular case*

Waivers may be sought for all types of permit application fees, including applications for varying permit conditions, transferring a permit and issuing a duplicate permit. The following matters may be considered to determine if an application fee is waived. All waiver applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

## **In connection with statutory authorisations directly relevant to the activity**

Statutory authorisations may include *Fisheries Management Act 2007* exemptions or permits or *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* licenses or permits (eg Commercial Tour Operator licences, marine mammal interaction permits). They may also include authorisations issued under a Commonwealth law.

The Marine Parks Act application fee may be waived if the application holds a statutory authorisation under another Act, also required for the activity, for which a fee has been paid. A copy of this authorisation must be provided.

## **Additional matters**

Application fees may be waived if the proposed activity meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Supports achievement of the objects of the *Marine Parks Act 2007*
- Supports the management priorities and strategies of the relevant marine park management plan(s)
- Is endorsed by/directly linked to the marine parks Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Program and/or supports the objectives of the marine parks research prospectus '[Forging the Links](#)'
- Is being undertaken by a not for profit organisation.

A not for profit organisation is an organisation that is not operating for the profit or gain of its individual members, whether these gains would have been direct or indirect. Any profit made by the organisation goes back into the operation of the organisation to carry out its purposes and is not distributed to any of its members. Such organisations can include environmental protection groups, scientific societies, neighbourhood associations, service groups, sports clubs, and surf life saving clubs.

## **More information**

**If you have a question, contact:**

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