

Regulatory Strategy 2024 – 2026

The *Regulatory Strategy 2024-2026* communicates the activities that are regulated by the EPA and also identifies four additional areas that concern emerging or complex regulatory issues. These activities will receive a particular focus by the EPA over 2024-2026.

Additional Focus Areas and Actions 2024-2026

The EPA takes a risk-based approach to prioritising its work and making the best use of its resources. The industries, pollutants or activities that the EPA is responsible for are regulated using best-practice and standard regulatory methods to support and monitor compliance, using statutory tools available to the EPA and in accordance with the EPA's *Compliance and Enforcement Policy*. The EPA's regulatory priorities are determined by obligations set out in law and the risks posed by the activities. The identification of these priorities is evidence-based and intelligence-led.

What we Regulate

- * Level 2 industrial activities, including marine and freshwater finfish farming, to minimise pollution and ensure that industry complies with environmental requirements that reflect acceptable environmental standards.
- * The State's larger wastewater treatment plants.
- * The State's larger landfills, waste recycling facilities, and controlled waste transport. We promote effective waste management to minimise waste and maximise resource recovery efficiency.
- * Contaminated land to protect the environment and human health.
- * Other environmentally relevant activities as necessary to ensure appropriate environmental outcomes.
- * Illegal dumping of litter and waste to detect and deter.

As well as the continued day-to-day regulation of the activities the EPA is responsible for, four additional focus areas are targeted for action over 2024-2026, where persistent, complex, and/or emerging risks have been identified. The additional focus areas and targeted actions to address them are listed to the right.

Risk Management at Metal Recycling Facilities

- Enhance regulatory focus on the metal recycling sector to identify and address systemic issues.
- Undertake a program of targeted audits and regulatory compliance monitoring for metal recycling facilities.

Unauthorised expansion of Level 1 and Level 2 activities in the extractive industry

- Work with Local Government and other stakeholders to address unauthorised expansion of extractive activities.
- Undertake a program of audits of production return data in a sample of extractive activities to inform regulation.

Salmon industry waste management

- Review and identify options for management of all relevant salmon industry waste streams.
- Review waste management plans to be developed by the salmon industry.

Environmental impacts from organic composting

- Enhance regulatory focus on the organic composting sector to identify and address environmental risks.
- Review standards and guidelines used in other jurisdictions with a view to adopting one suitable for Tasmania to improve environmental outcomes.