

## **SCHEDULE 10 PRESCRIBED WATER CONTAMINANTS**

Source: Cairns Regional Council - [www.cairns.qld.gov.au/water-waste-roads/stormwater-and-drains/water-contamination](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/water-waste-roads/stormwater-and-drains/water-contamination)

### Water contaminants list

- Waste and waste water generated from outdoor cleaning, including, for example, waste generated from high pressure water blasting of commercial or industrial premises, fuel dispensing areas, plant or equipment, roofs, streets, vehicles and wharves.
- A chemical, or chemical waste containing a chemical. Examples include:
  - biocide, including herbicide, fungicide and pesticide
  - a chemical that causes biochemical or chemical oxygen demand
  - per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
- Building and construction materials, including bitumen, brick, cement, concrete and plaster. Examples include:
  - cement washed to create exposed aggregate treatment
  - coloured powder used to create stencilled concrete features
- a gas other than oxygen
- industrial waste
- a liquid containing suspended or dissolved solids
- putrescible waste, including, for example, food scraps
- a liquid that has a temperature different by more than 2°C from ambient water temperature
- regulated waste mentioned in schedule 9
- clinical waste
- animal matter, including
  - dead animals,
  - animal remains and animal excreta, and
  - water used to clean animals, animal enclosures or vehicles used for transporting animals
- waste water, including
  - backwash from swimming pools,
  - condensate from compressors,
  - water from air-conditioning or cooling systems and
  - waste water from grease traps
  - waste and waste water, generated from outdoor cleaning, including, for example,
- waste generated from high pressure water blasting of commercial or industrial premises, fuel dispensing areas, plant or equipment, roofs, streets, vehicles and wharves
- sewage and sewage residues, whether treated or untreated, and any other matter containing faecal coliforms or faecal streptococci, including, for example, waste water pumped out from a septic tank
- any substance that has a pH outside the range 6.5 to 8.5
- vehicles and components of vehicles, including, for example, batteries and tyres
- plant matter, including, for example, bark, lawn clippings, leaves, mulch, pruning waste, sawdust, shavings, woodchip and other waste from forest products
- waste and waste water, generated from indoor cleaning, including, for example, waste from carpet or upholstery cleaning and steam cleaning
- building, construction and demolition waste, including bitumen, brick, concrete cuttings, plaster and waste water generated by building, construction or demolition
- paint, paint scrapings or residues, paint sludge, water used for diluting paint or washing painting utensils, and waste from paint stripping
- ashes, clay, gravel, sediment, stones and similar organic or inorganic matter
- waste generated from repairing or servicing motor vehicles, including, for example, engine coolant, grease, lubricants and oil
- glass, metal parts, paper, piping, plastic and scrap metal
- oil, including, for example, petroleum or vegetable based oil

### Penalties

As at September 2019, the Section Penalty for offence under Section 440ZG of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 are:

- Individual – 15 Penalty Units, currently valued at \$2,001 (2019-2020)
- Corporation – 75 Penalty Units, currently valued at \$10,008