



# Keep OUR BAYS Beautiful

## Avoid discharging untreated sewage from your boat

If you have to discharge sewage you must be more than:

- 500 metres from shore and in water over 5 metres deep
- 500 metres from a marine farm
- 500 metres from a customary fishing reserve (mataitai)
- 200 metres from a marine reserve.

Check your regional coastal plan for any further restrictions.



**THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH**

# How to manage sewage on your boat to keep our bays clean

## To avoid discharging untreated sewage

- Use toilets on shore before you depart
- Take a portable toilet and empty it on shore
- Install an on-board sewage treatment system
- Fit a holding tank
- Use pump out facilities where provided

## If you have to empty your holding tank at sea, make sure you are underway and are:

- well offshore
- in open waters
- away from other boats
- away from marine farms.

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