

Vessel-Check biofouling software for NSW, VIC and WA ports

Dear Stakeholder,

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), VIC Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) and WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) are encouraging vessel managers and operators to help manage marine biosecurity threats by using the online biofouling management system, Vessel-Check.

DPI, DJPR and DPIRD are using the Vessel-Check system as the central point of vessel biofouling data collection and risk assessment within their jurisdictions.

Vessel operators can sign-up to Vessel-Check for free and instantly use the system to enter operational information and generate a risk calculation for their vessel.

Risk calculations are received by the receiving port, relevant regulators and the vessel operator, to guide any necessary management measures.

Adopting Vessel-Check as a point of collaboration helps to reduce aquatic biosecurity risks presented by biofouling which remains the highest risk for spreading marine pests and diseases into state waters.

Vessel operators and ports using Vessel-Check will benefit from improved management of biofouling risks, while ensuring centralised communications between vessel operators, managers, and biosecurity management teams. Vessel performance is also significantly impacted by biofouling resistance due to an increase in the hydrodynamic drag.

Vessel-Check stores all biofouling related information and documentation, including logbooks, vessel history and risk calculations, and can be accessed by operators and state regulars as required.

Accessing the system

The Vessel-Check system is designed for all internationally arriving vessels into Australian waters. Vessel operators or managers can set up vessels within the portal, free of charge, at [Vessel-Check.com](https://vessel-check.com). Your data will not be accessible or used by any other parties.

More information

For more information on the portal's features visit, [Vessel-Check.com](https://vessel-check.com).

For more information relating to a States marine biosecurity information, or to contact your jurisdiction please visit the following websites:

- [NSW Department of Primary Industries](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)
- [VIC, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions](https://www.djpr.vic.gov.au)
- [WA, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development](https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au)

This letter is authorised by the biosecurity branches at the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), VIC Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) and WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).