Australia: Pollution fines increase

Club correspondents HWL Ebsworth of Sydney have reported that from 1 July 2020 the majority of states within Australia have increased their fines in relation to pollution.

Key points in the article by Chris Sacre of HWL Ebsworth include:

- Maximum pollution fine for owner/charterer increased to AUS$22.2 million;
- Maximum pollution fine for a master increased to AUS$4.44 million; and
- CPI (Consumer Price Index) Increases to pollution fines in coastal waters of Victoria, Queensland, Northern Territory and Tasmania.

The full article includes a table of the applicable fines across Australia from 1 July 2020 and can be read here.

Our thanks to Chris Sacre of HWL Ebsworth for this update.