



## **Compliance summary RLRAG Feb 2026**

### **Foreword**

It is important to note the effects of the restructure that took place in 2025. It was announced Feb 2025 and the process wound up in July 2025. This has severely impacted FOs numbers and capacity and should be considered when looking at these statistics.

It should also be noted that after the restructure the compliance branch of the VFA is now focusing on two key areas.

- **Community Engagement**
- **Major Crime**

### **Commercial Rock lobster – statistics taken from Aug 2025 – Feb 2026**

#### **Western Zone**

29 active licenses

Field inspections target (by EOFY) – 60

Total inspections to date – 74

4 offenders

3 official warnings, 2 verbal warnings

1 court matter

**Overall compliance rate 95%**

#### **Eastern Zone**

10 active licenses

Field inspections target (by EOYF) – 20

Total inspections to date – 5

1 offender

1 official warning

**Overall compliance rate 80%**

**Recreational Rock lobster - statistics taken from Aug 2025 – Feb 2026**

**2024-25 report**

547 inspections of RL conducted

66 offenders detected

88% compliance rate

**2025-26 report**

106 inspections of RL conducted

27 offenders detected

75% compliance rate

**Types of offending in order of prevalence**

Fail to register intent before targeting RL

Fail to tailclip RL

Closed season offences

Take undersized

Taking over the bag limit

Marine Park offences

Use illegal equipment to take RL (spearing etc)