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# Comments on Draft IPART Compliance and Enforcement Policy

#### Dear Erin

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Draft IPART Compliance and Enforcement Policy*. Overall, the policy is well written and easy to read. We have a few minor comments/suggestions outlined below.

## Page 3 – The application of this compliance and enforcement policy

• "The specific policies prevail" suggest replace the word 'policies' with 'guides', consistent with the reference in the preceding sentence.

## Page 5 – We apply a risk-based regulatory model to compliance and enforcement

- Last paragraph suggest adding the word "expected" to "level of compliance", (as explained later in document, on page 8).
- Consider adding a statement that the expected level of compliance is assessed based on a range of factors that are described on page 8.

## Page 6 – Table 3.2: Consequence descriptors

For the Major descriptor - suggest reordering opening sentence to 'Actual or potential fatality, severe injury/illness to a person requiring life support'.

## Page 11- We inform, educate and support regulated entities

Third bullet point - comment about Audit Panels appears to suggest regulated entities can choose their own auditor from a panel. This should be clarified as to when or to whom this applies.

### Page 14 – Our decision making framework for enforcement action

Second bullet point "whether action has already been taken" – it is unclear whether the action taken refers to IPART or the regulated entity.

Please contact Sandra Spargo, Corporate Compliance Manager on discuss these comments or require more information.

