

1. In Queensland the grandfather clause means that any vessel operating prior to June 2013 in the same place and same type of operation is grandfathered, this means that the oldest and therefore the more likely to be in poor condition is exempt from surveys. The end result is that this is a disincentive to upgrade the vessel. Whilst it is acknowledged that older vessels cannot meet the modern design criteria, they can at least be surveyed for structural integrity and general safety items

2. Do away for the need to carry offshore life jackets where the vessel is fitted with PFD nobody can wear the bulky life jackets whilst working

3. There was supposed to be a national standard, this has not been achieved with different states still insisting on different rules case in point the gas inspections and the differing grandfathering arrangements.

In summary this national approach has not worked due to AMSA not driving the cause,