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I, David Robert Connolly, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Animal Protection Act 2018*.

Responsible Minister:

G. P. MALEY
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

D. R. CONNOLLY
Administrator

Date of making: 29 June 2026

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Animal Protection Amendment Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Animal Protection Regulations 2022*.

4 Regulation 28A inserted

After regulation 28, in Part 4, Division 2

insert

28A Exempt persons

- (1) The following persons are exempt from complying with Part 4 of the Act:
 - (a) a person conducting fish tagging or data collection activities for the purpose of monitoring the behaviour, abundance or sustainability of fish stocks under a program approved by the relevant Agency;
 - (b) a person employed or contracted by the Territory Government who is undertaking research, monitoring or data collection activities for the purpose of administering the *Fisheries Act 1988* under the direction of the relevant Agency.

- (2) In this regulation:

relevant Agency means the Agency administering the *Fisheries Act 1988*.

5 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.