



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Water and Environmental Regulation**

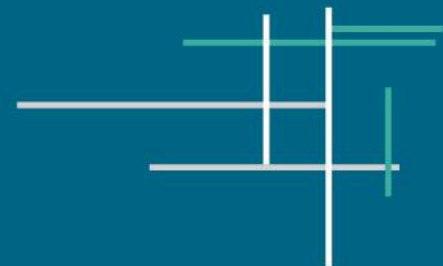
One Stop Shop and Our priorities and directions

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Our vision

A healthy environment and secure water resources, valued by all, to support a liveable and prosperous Western Australia.

Our mission

To lead and excel in the sustainable management and protection of Western Australia's water and environment.





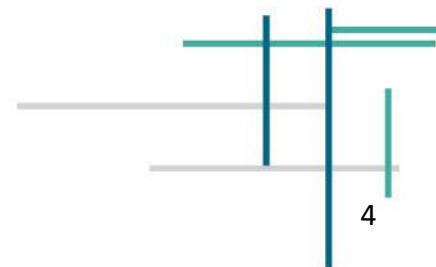
Our strategies

1. Share responsibility for water and the environment
2. Deliver effective legislation and policy
3. Be a responsive and credible regulator
4. Deliver trusted information, science and evidence-based advice
5. Build organisational excellence





Our values





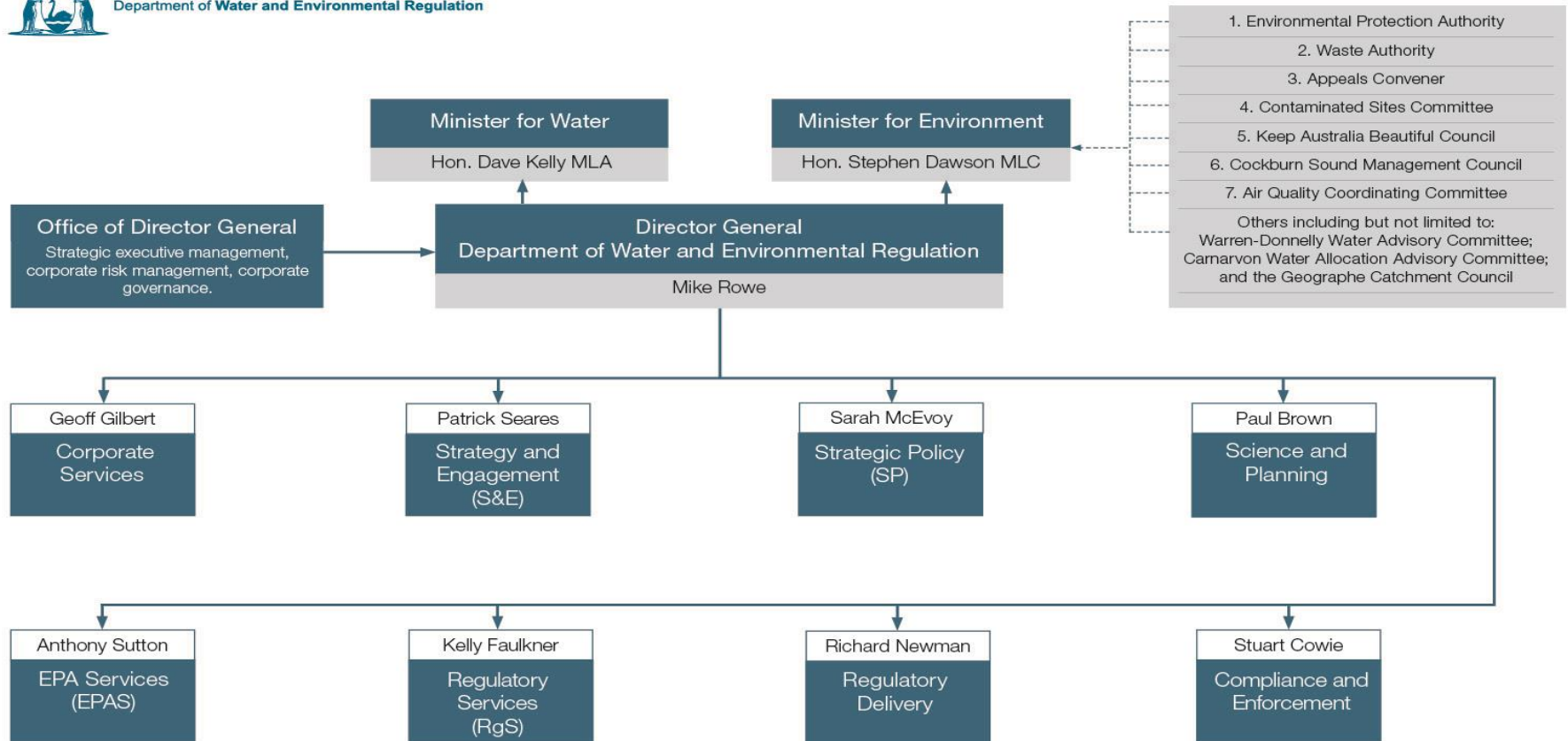
Our Approach

- Our new service charter will be released in the near future
- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Environmental Stakeholder Reference Group
 - Water Reform Reference Group
 - EPA Stakeholder Reference Group
- What you can also expect from us :
 - Consultative and cooperative in our approach
 - Timely and relevant guidance and information
 - Ongoing process to inform design of services and programs
 - Feedback channels and frequent engagement



Our new structure

(From 1 July 2018)





Delivering a one-stop-shop service



Water Licensing

- ✓ Apply for a water licence
- ✓ Manage my water licence
- ✓ Submit data for an application
- ✓ FAQs and Exemptions

Water Online
Services



Environmental Regulation

- ✓ Apply for a licence and works approval
- ✓ Apply for a clearing permit

Industry Regulation

Clearing Permits



Environmental Assessments (EPA)

- ✓ Submit a referral to the EPA
- ✓ Submit a request to amend a proposal/conditions

Environmental
Impact
Assessment Guide



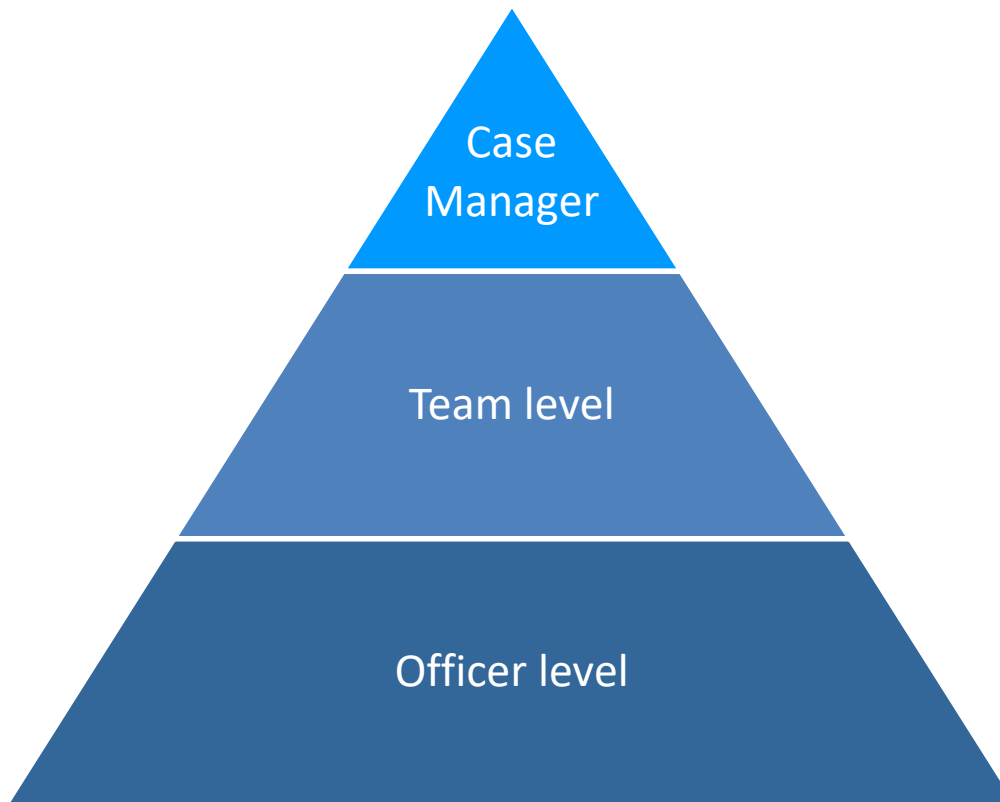
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Application Coordination Framework



- **Criteria:**
 - Complexity
 - Public interest
 - Public health, environmental and water resources risks
 - Cross-agency involvement



Next Steps

DWER Regulatory Integration Innovation Strategy 2018-2022

Environment
Online
(expand
Water
Online)

Revised
policy
regulatory
frameworks

Integrated
business
support
processes

Integrated
business
support
systems

Whole of
regulatory
cycle
integration



Regulatory reform

- Overarching policy framework being developed
 - Addressing duplication across policy and guidance
 - Delivering a consistent approach, to provide clarity and certainty for stakeholders
 - Ensuring policy and guidance aligns with a ‘one stop shop’ ethos
- Part V Regulatory Framework



Guide to Licensing

- Available for consultation 2 May to 20 July (12 Weeks)
- Two stakeholder workshops will be held in Perth on Wednesday 6th of June and Thursday 7th June 2018



Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing
Part V Environmental Protection Act 1986



Guidance material for consultation

- Category based factsheets
 - Coal mining, Mineral Sands, Abattoirs, Cattle Feedlots, Piggeries, Animal feed and Beverage manufacturing
- Timeline of further guidance will be published
- Other material include condition library and condition setting; assessment guidelines



EPA review of policy and procedures

- EPA policy reform
 - Streamlined and legally robust guidelines and procedures framework
- EPA Stakeholder Reference Group feedback, including ECA
- Potential improvements
 - Environmental Factor Guidelines, including Landforms and Social Surroundings
 - Environmental impact assessment procedural documentation
- Guidelines for schemes and planning matters
- Implementation plan



Flora and vegetation for EIA workshop

- Flora and Vegetation for Environmental Impact Assessment Technical Workshop:
 - Scheduled to be run in June/July 2018
 - EIANZ and the Environmental Consultants Association
- Coordination of information:
 - Part IV and Part V assessments
 - Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
 - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
 - Department of Environment and Energy



Yeelirrie decision

- Application for judicial review of the Yeelirrie uranium mine approval
- Decision making processes and the validity of the conditions placed on Cameco Australia's Yeelirrie mine proposal
- Current decision making processes to approve proposals and condition setting under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* are legally robust



Certification of Environmental Practitioners

- HEPA National Certification of Environmental Practitioners Working Group purpose:
 - to improve confidence in the quality and reliability of environmental reports and documentation provided to government agencies
- Principles to guide environmental practitioner certification organisations endorsed by HEPA in April 2017:
 - general conformity to AS/NZS 17024: General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons;
 - competencies for specialist areas;
 - recertification; and
 - ethical and professional conduct.
- Benefits include:
 - Improved confidence in the quality of work provided by certified practitioners
 - Improved recognition of certified practitioners by industry and the community.



Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments

- Online [portal](#) that provides an index of land-based biodiversity surveys in Western Australia, creating better environmental outcomes by maximising availability of biodiversity data.
- Will deliver
 - more efficient assessments for proponents
 - a broader decision-making base for regulators
 - an expanded knowledge base of WA's flora and fauna
 - improved availability of environmental information for the community.



Climate change

- Stocktake
 - Adaptation and mitigation
 - Policies, projects and programs
- Priorities and future policy approaches for the State
- Environmental Impact Assessments
 - Proposal design, technology and operation to minimise emissions
 - Greenhouse gas conditions



Budget 18/19 Highlights

- Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund to improve conservation
 - Government establishes Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund
 - Initial \$7 million establishes the fund, which will grow over time
- Improved cost recovery model to help speed up environmental approvals and support economic growth
 - Approximately 65% of the additional revenue to employ additional staff.
 - The remaining 35% will be invested in online systems.
- Changes to streamline water licence and permit assessments
 - New fees to recover costs for assessment of water licences and permits for mining and public water supply sectors
 - These sectors are two of the State's biggest water users by volume



What's Next

Consolidation and Delivery

- Structure
- One Stop Shop further development, timely approvals and service
- Environment On-line
- Digital Strategy
- EP Act Amendments
- Development of Water Resource Management Bill.
- Regulatory reform continues
- ECA/DWER Training Course (?)
- Move to Joondalup



Thank you