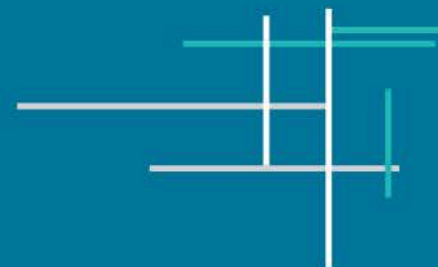




Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Water and Environmental Regulation**

Our priorities and directions

Director General
Mike Rowe
21 February 2018





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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.





Delivering a one-stop-shop service



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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](#)



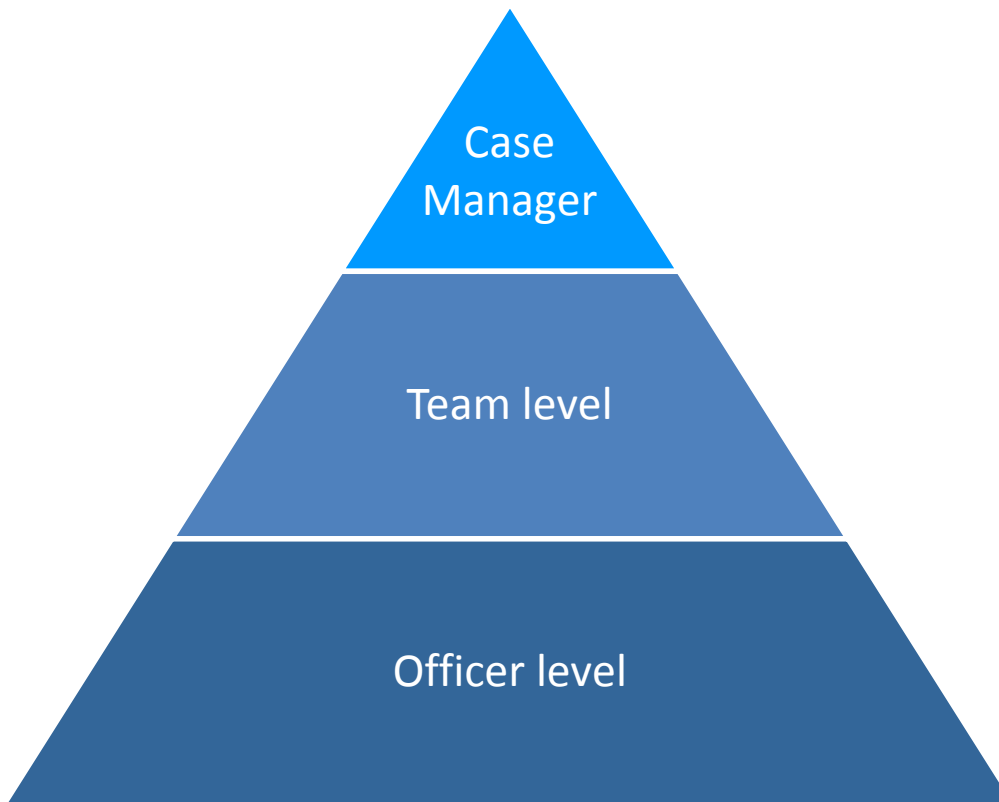
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Application Coordination Framework



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



One Stop Shop – Next Steps

- Continuation of Part V regulatory reform program
- Environment online – expanding existing Water Online Services to incorporate environmental approval submissions
- Alignment of current policy and regulatory frameworks



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 (March 2018)



Guidance material for consultation

- Draft odour guideline
 - Consultation closing 19 April 2018
- Updated guide to licensing
 - Available for consultation March 2018
- Category based factsheets – March 2018
 - Coal mining, Mineral Sands, Abattoirs, Cattle Feedlots, Piggeries, Animal feed and Beverage manufacturing
- Timeline of further guidance will be published April 2018
- 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
- Potential improvements
 - Environmental Factor Guidelines, including Landforms and Social Surroundings
 - Environmental impact assessment procedural documentation
- Guidelines for schemes and planning matters
- Implementation plan



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

- Improve confidence in the quality and reliability of environmental reports and documentation provided to government agencies
- Principles:
 - AS/NZS 17024
 - define specialist areas and alignment of competencies
 - recertification
 - ethical and professional conduct
- Benefits:
 - improved confidence in the quality of work provided by certified practitioners
 - improved recognition of certified practitioners by industry and the community



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



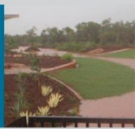
Waste priorities

- Container Deposit Scheme
- Plastic Bag Ban
 - Consultation paper – feedback closes 9 March
- Waste levy and waste management
 - *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*
 - Amendment of associated regulations
- Waste Authority – reviewing state's waste strategy
 - Help deliver the Government's priorities for reform and change in approaches to waste



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



Thank you