

What are our regulatory priorities?

A principal objective of NRAR is to ensure effective, efficient, transparent and accountable compliance and enforcement measures for the natural resources management legislation. We publish our regulatory priorities to show how and where we focus our regulatory efforts.

Our annual priorities



Water metering and DQPs

The non-urban water metering framework will ensure accurate measurement of water take, supporting us to deliver an effective and efficient

compliance program. Duly qualified persons (DQPs) are integral to ensuring the effectiveness of this program, so we will undertake checks to ensure consistency and accuracy of their work.

Regions: statewide

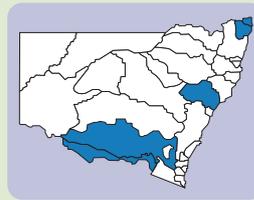


Overdrawn accounts

Water users who take water that has not been ordered and/or accounted for are taking water directly from other water users and

the environment.

Region: statewide

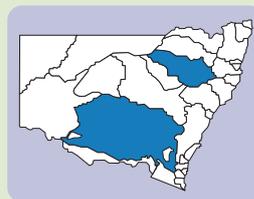


Irrigated agriculture

We will target a range of irrigated agriculture activities, which may include certain crop types and irrigated agriculture activities that

extract large volumes of water.

Regions: Hunter, Murray, Murrumbidgee and the Far North Coast



Extraction limits in at risk sources

Bore extraction limits allow for the management of water extraction from often complex and fragile sources that play

an important role for natural habitats and the quality of dependent ecosystems.

Region: Lachlan, Lower Murrumbidgee and Namoi

Our enduring priorities



Accurate measurement

Water take to be measured and reported accurately and reliably in line with the law.



Aboriginal cultural values

We will endeavour to protect and prioritise Aboriginal cultural and spiritual values in water regulation. Water is central to the cultural and spiritual values of Aboriginal peoples and is intrinsically linked to their obligations in caring for Country.



Unlawful activity, significant harm

We will continue to take action against water users who undertake unlawful activities, which causes significant harm to other water users, communities or the environment.



Unauthorised structures

Unauthorised structures stop water from getting where it should on the floodplain. We will regulate water users with unauthorised structures on the floodplain that divert water from important cultural or environmental assets.