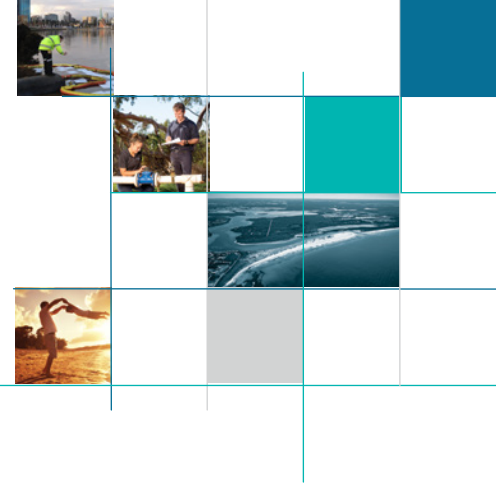




# Regulatory Best Practice Principles (Interim)

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## 1. Risk based

- The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) will regulate to ensure that there is not an **unacceptable risk** to public health, the environment or water resources.
- DWER will make regulatory decisions **proportionate** to the level of risk posed to public health, the environment and water resources.
- DWER resources will be **targeted** to the greatest risks to public health, the environment and water resources.

## 2. Evidence based

- DWER will apply an **evidence-based approach** based on the **best available information** including **sound science** to inform regulatory decision-making.

## 3. Transparent

- DWER will **consult** with stakeholders in relation to proposed regulatory policies and guidelines.
- DWER will provide clear **publicly available** reliable and relevant information on regulatory processes and requirements to ensure that regulatory decision-making is clear, consistent and well understood.
- DWER will apply the rules of **procedural fairness** to all regulatory functions.

## 4. Effective regulation across government

- DWER will work **collaboratively** with other regulators to share information and avoid unnecessary regulatory **duplication**.

## 5. Consistent

- DWER's regulatory actions will be **consistent** with legislation and within **statutory powers**.
- DWER's regulatory outcomes will be **consistent** and predictable for **similar circumstances**.

## 6. Responsive

- DWER will respond in an **effective** and **timely** manner.

