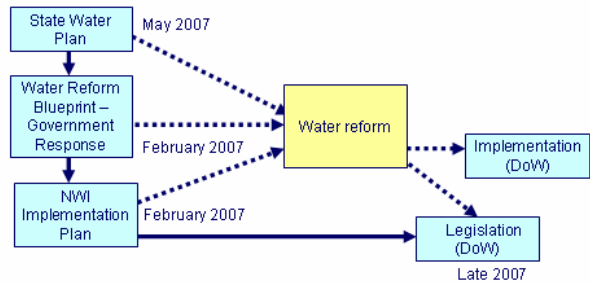


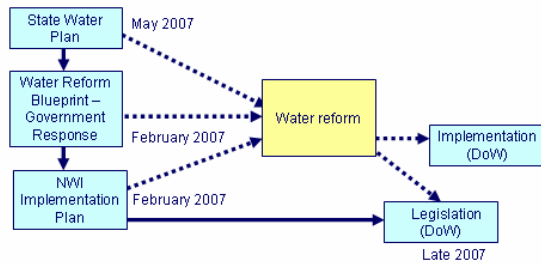
Underpinning Water Reform

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Water Reform Implementation

- Blueprint and NWI Implementation Plan
 - Statutory water management plans
 - Water access entitlements
 - Metering
 - Water Licence administration fees
 - Water use efficiency
 - Trading
 - Integration of land and water trading
- State Water Plan
 - Planning framework

Status of Legislation

Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill

- Currently in the Legislative Council

Water Services Legislation

- Drafting has commenced

Water Resources Legislation

- Outline drafting instructions provided to Parliamentary Counsel

Consultation

- State Water Plan
- Water Reform Implementation Committee
- Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Law Reform
- Targeted Stakeholder meetings
- Water Law Reform Reference Group (non-Govt. stakeholders)
 - Periodic meetings to coincide with release of section drafts
- Bills are due to go to Parliament on 27 November

Key dates

- **1 Oct 2007** Bills largely complete
- **5 Nov 2007** Bills go to the Minister
- **19 Nov 2007** Cabinet approval to print
- **29 Nov 2007** Tabled in Parliament

BENEFITS OF WATER REFORM

Community Benefits

- Better overall management
- Better information on availability and use
- Improved planning and greater community participation
- Improved allocation and use
- Management for environmental outcomes

BENEFITS (continued)

Individual Licence holder benefit

- Better access to information
- Greater certainty of availability
- Trading opportunities
- Greater security of access to Water

Key benefits

Water Services Bill & Water Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill

- **Simplified, modernised and more efficient legislation**
- **Enables Minister to perform his role of policy setter and price regulator for the water services sector**
- **Enable Community Service Obligation payments to providers**
- **Removes restrictions on the capacity of the Water Boards to provide the full range of services**

Key benefits

Water Resources Bill

- **Implementation of the Government's water reform agenda defined in:**
 - State Water Plan
 - Government response to the Blueprint
 - Implementation Plan for the NWI
- **Better management and information for water users**
- **Long-term environmental benefits**