

Water Reform Implementation

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Program for Implementation

- Very high degree of alignment with the DoW Strategic Plan 2007-8.
- Designed to meet the Government's vision in water reform

Directions and Outcomes

- Introduce Water Access Entitlements;
- Facilitate water trading and markets;
- Improve the management and availability of water information for the Government's water management and planning, for water users and the public;
- Provide efficient business systems to reduce transaction and compliance costs for water users, and operational costs for Government; and
- Provide for comprehensive water accounting.

Overall Program for Reform

- Departmental Linkages between
 - water legislation reform,
 - water management planning,
 - water accounting,
 - water measurement and information reform, water use metering
 - Water recycling and efficiency
 - Water Licensing and entitlements reform and
 - the Department's Strategic Information Plan.

Implementation Components

Water use Metering

- Metering strategy roll-out building on existing projects
- Metering data is an essential component for the water accounting systems, entitlements, trading
- Potentially a useful compliance tool for water licensing.

Implementation Components

Water Accounting

- Main accounting fields are Water Market, Water Resource, Water for the Environment, and Water use accounting.
- National development approach – WA pilot project
- Important relationships - water licensing business, statutory plans, water entitlements register (markets), metering information
- ITC systems are critical components
- Water accounting can provide valuable information to understand state of our water resources and our success in their management.

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Implementation Components

Licensing and Entitlements - NWI enablement program (Systems enablement and acquisition)

- Database integration and enhancement (WEIR establishment)
- Data Cleansing
- Develop / acquire NWI capabilities

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Implementation Components

Business enablement

- Assess operational requirements
- Licensing assessment tools
- Improve conditions for licences
- Training in new systems and legislation

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Implementation Components

Policy development

- Policy development and input to drafting legislation and regulations
- Develop policy for operation of new legislation
- Management of transitional issues

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Implementation Components

Consultation process (support reform branch)

- Consultation with internal and external stakeholders where appropriate during the program's projects
- Communication framework - specific subjects (eg Transition processes, Water Access Entitlements, water trading)

