



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

# Environmental Regulation Reform

A strategic review of regulatory delivery and fees for  
industry regulation

Ed Schuller

September 2022

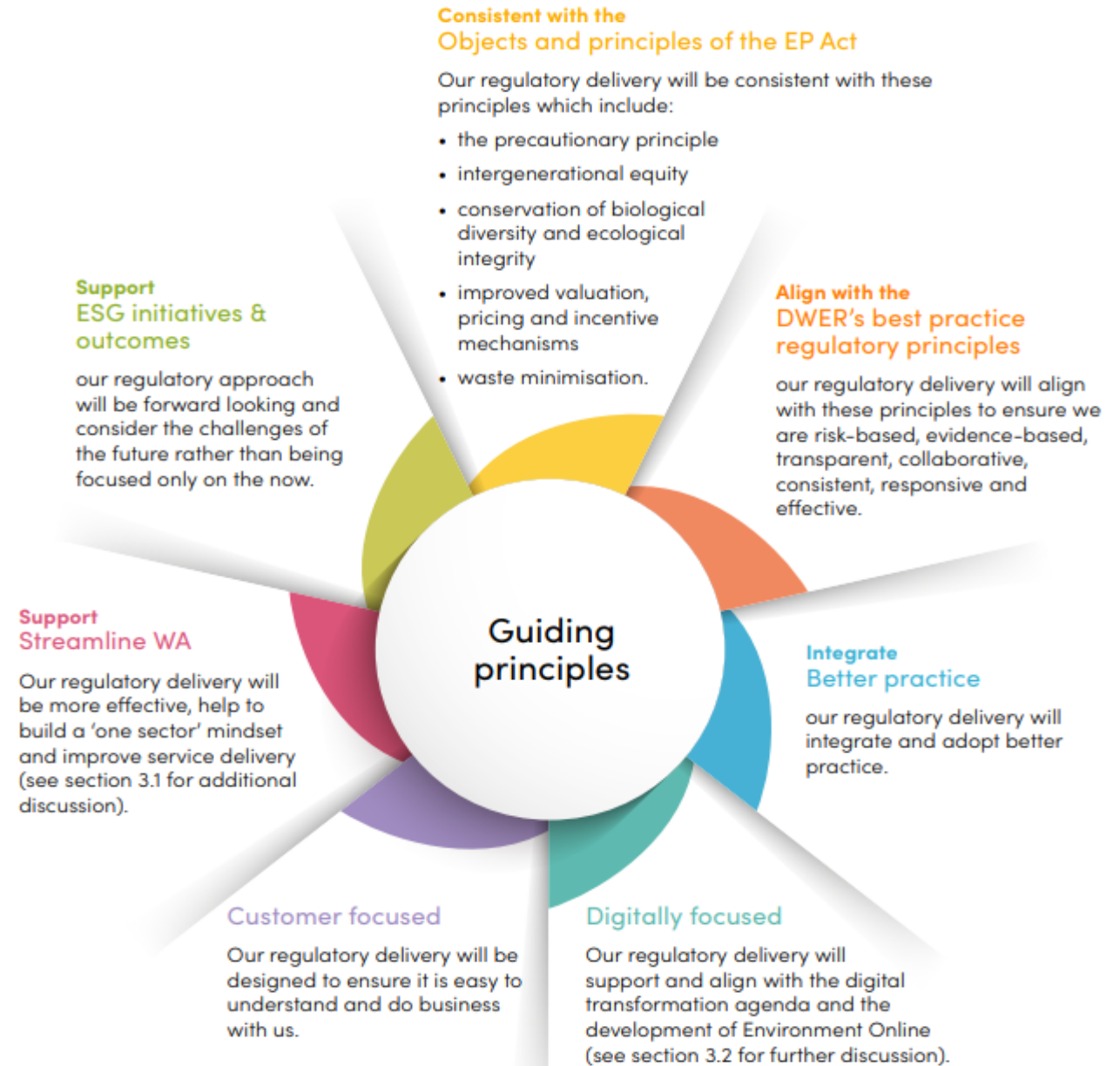


# Reform Context

- Environmental Protection Act Amendments
- Environment Online
- Streamline WA
- Strategic Plan 2022—2026

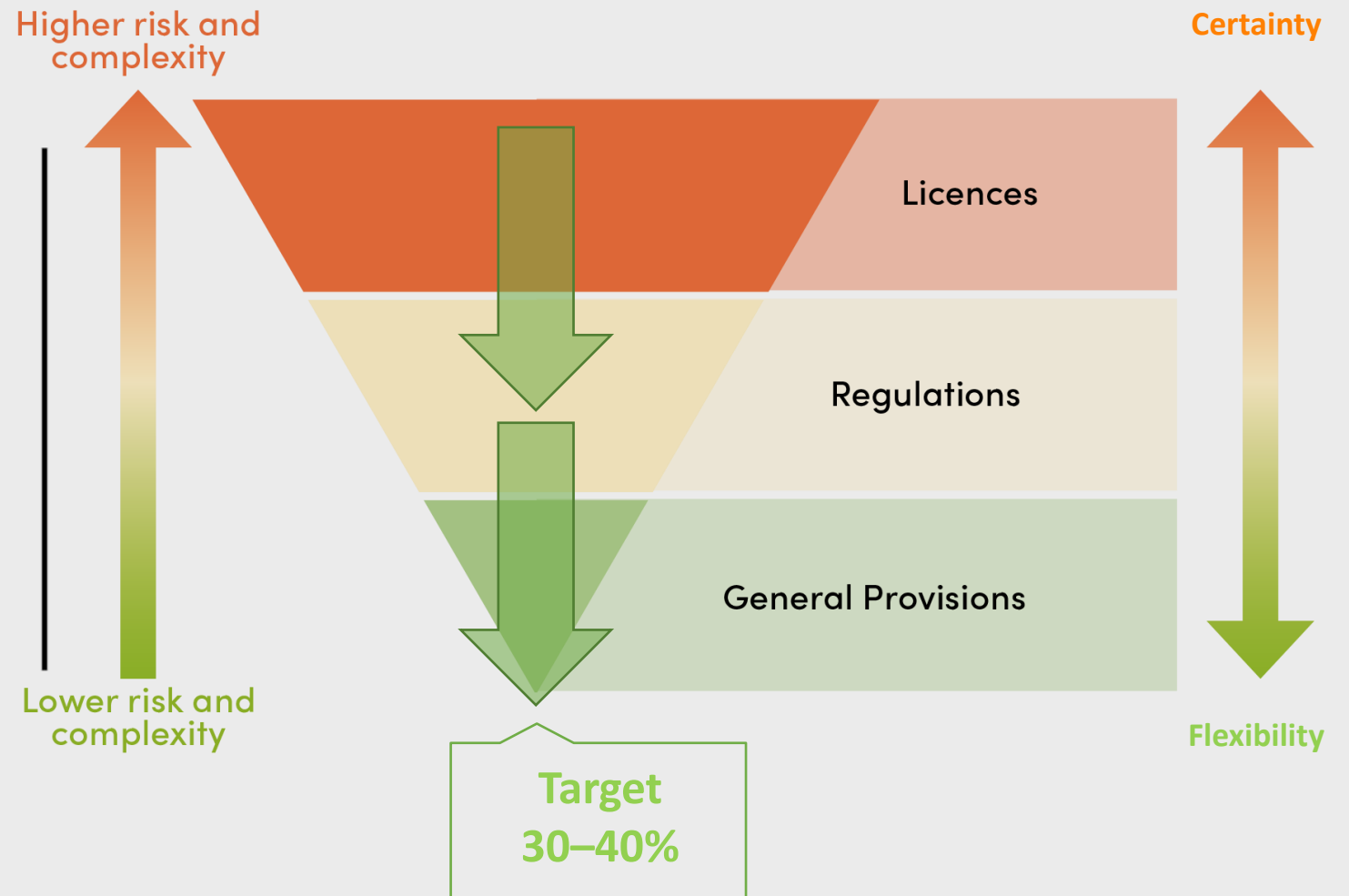
Future vision   Prescribed activities   Fee model

# Principles Summary



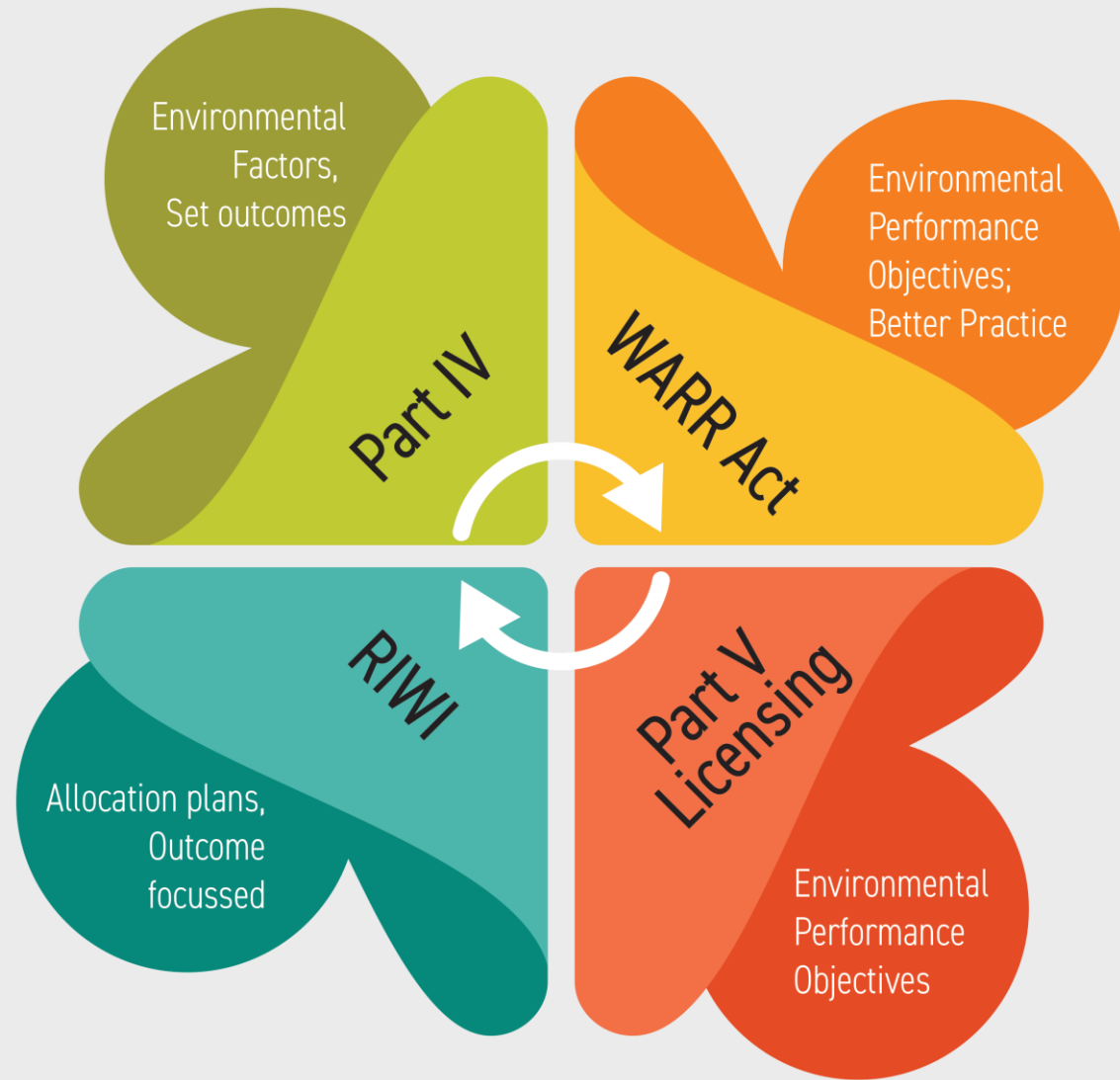
# Future vision

## Guiding Principles



# Future vision

Outcome Focus



Future vision  
Better Practice

Better Practice is....  
Infrastructure that will meet  
an environmental outcome in  
most circumstances.



Prescribed  
Activities  
Context

93 categories  
of prescribed  
premises

Outdated  
industry specific  
Regulations

Categories  
are duplicative of  
other regulatory  
process

# Prescribed Activities

Streamline



Energy and  
combustion  
activities



Intensive  
livestock  
keeping, animal  
and plant  
processing



Manufacturing  
activities



Mineral  
production  
and  
processing



Resource  
recovery, waste  
treatment and  
disposal

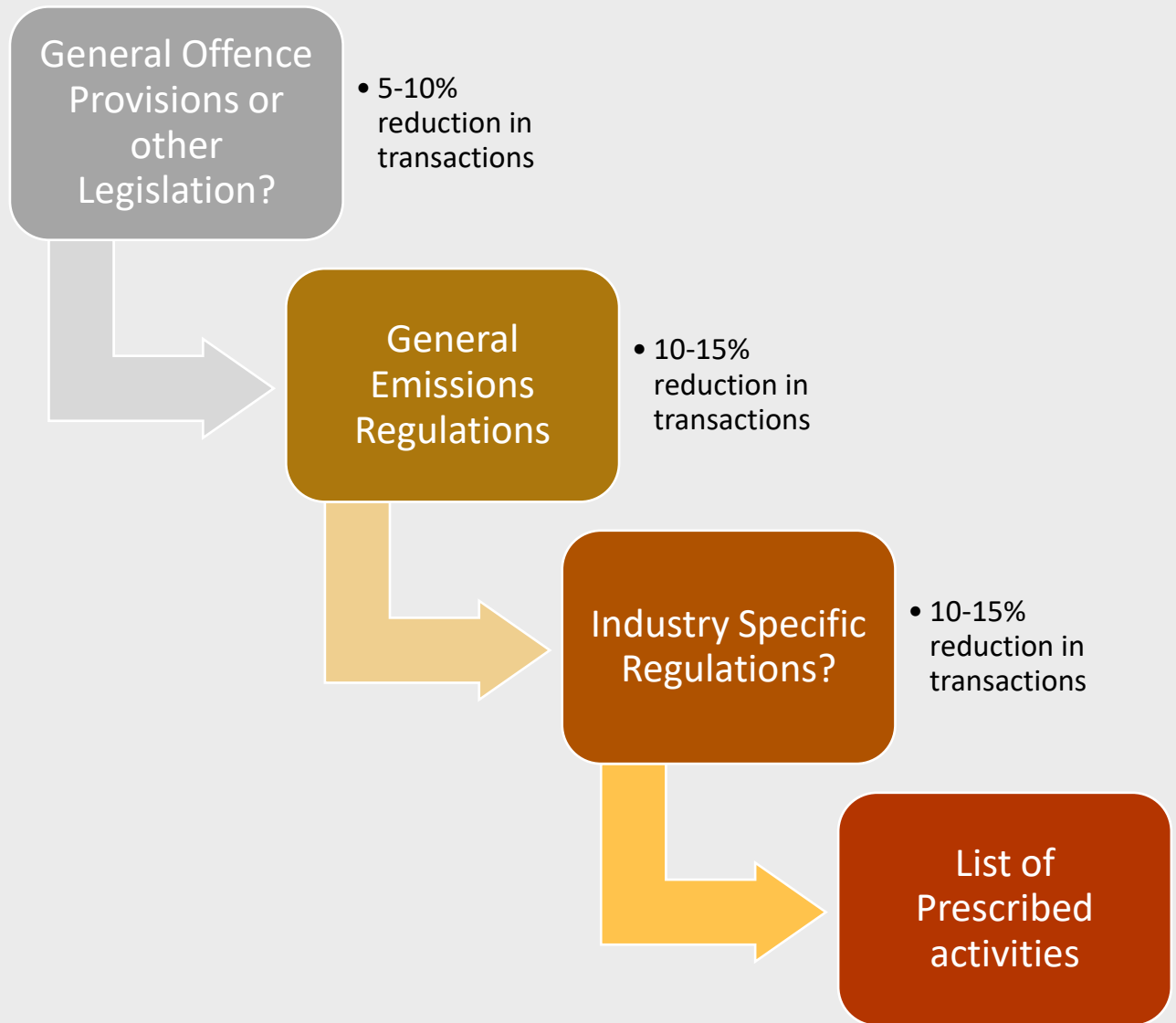


Transport and  
maritime  
services



# Prescribed Activities

Transition of low-risk activities



# Prescribed Activities

Regulatory overlap

- Tailings storage facilities & mining operations
  - EP Act, RIWI Act, Mining Act
- Sewage Treatment
  - EP Act, Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
- Local Government
  - Noxious Industries

# Prescribed Activities

Contemporary Regulation



Battery  
Industries



Intensive  
Animal  
Industries



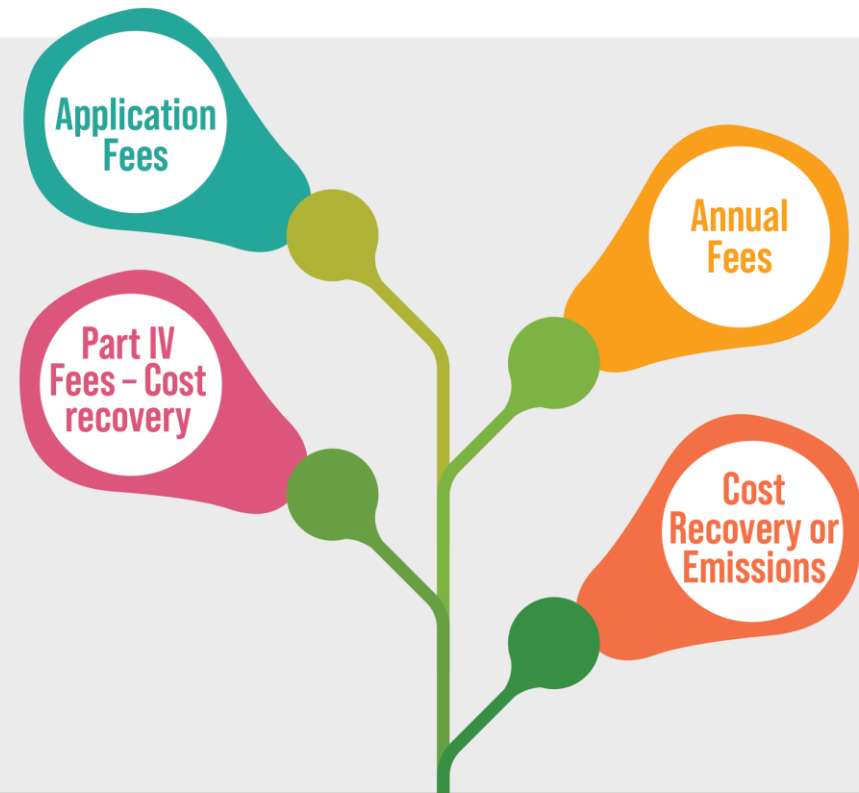
Greenhouse  
Gas Emissions



General  
emissions and  
discharges

# Fee model

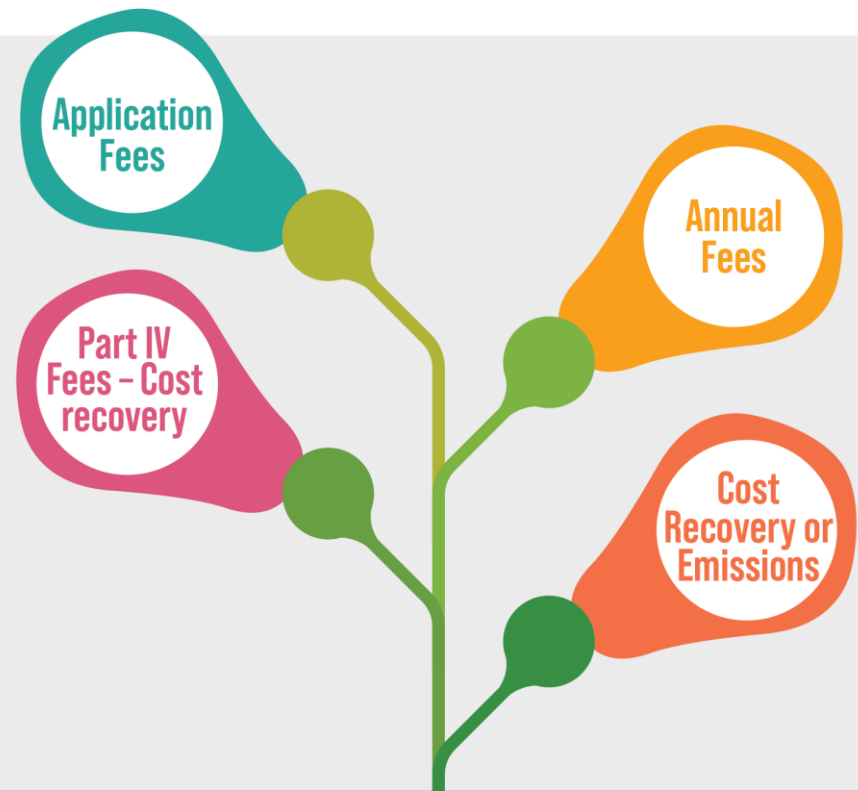
Process based design principles



- Consistent & repeatable
- Transparent
- Practical and efficient
- Aligned with Legislation

# Fee model

Policy based design principles



- Cost Recovery
- Reflective of effort
- Responsive
- Polluter pays
- Waste minimisation

# Timing & Phasing

## Summary

- Consultation for 12 weeks
- Closing date for submissions is 13 December 2022
- Exposure draft of amended EP Regulation
- 6 week consultation period in 2023

# Have your say

## Summary

- Online information sessions
- Online survey & materials
- Make a written submission



Thank you  
Any questions?

