



Department of Water and
Environmental Regulation



2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department) acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we live and work throughout Western Australia and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

The Department recognises the practice of intergenerational care for Country and its relevance to our work and working with the community.

The Department continues to move forward with a shared commitment to protect and conserve Country for our future generations.



Caring for Country visual style

The First Nations artwork used throughout this report was created by Wongutha artist and designer Kevin Wilson.

The artwork explores the interconnectedness of water sources across Western Australia, above and below the ground. It depicts the rivers, creeks, waterways, and waterholes that sustain Country. The repeated waterhole motif emphasises that, despite geographical separation, water remains intrinsically connected beneath a shared sky. These connections are shaped by the Western Australian landscape — the land (Country) and its natural systems. The meeting place motif represents our communities, while the surrounding scattered dots symbolise the diversity of flora found throughout the state. Kangaroo and emu footprints are incorporated to acknowledge the presence and movement of animals through Country.

The vibrant colour palette reflects the breadth and richness of the state's environmental landscapes and natural wonders. Together, these elements show that people, animals, and plants can only continue to thrive within a healthy, well-stewarded environment, recognising the importance of caring for Country.





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Front cover: Rangers from Yued Aboriginal Corporation's Ranger Program conducting river health monitoring with members of the DWER River Science team at Regans Ford on Yued Boodja, January 2026.

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Statement of compliance

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Hon Daniel Pastorelli MLA
Minister for Water

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Minister for the Environment;
Climate Resilience

Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA
Minister for Energy and
Decarbonisation

In accordance with section 63 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, I hereby submit for your information and presentation to Parliament the annual report for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

Alistair Jones
Director General
22 October 2026





From the Director General



As our State continues to grow and develop, so too does our responsibility to protect our unique environment, water resources and the liveability of our communities.

Over the past year we have set ourselves up for the future with the development and release of our *Strategic Intent: Beyond 2050*, which outlines how our current work will deliver long term impact.

Our work is broad and deep – securing water for people, nature and the economy, while protecting our natural systems and environmental and human health, to build low waste, low carbon, circular economies and climate resilient and sustainable communities.

We engage, listen and act in partnership with the communities we serve. This includes exploring ways to foster partnerships with Aboriginal communities for mutual benefit and working with respect for Aboriginal traditional knowledge in our decision-making processes.

Population and economy are growing at the fastest rate in the country, and climate change is reshaping the way we live and work.

As industry and our economy grows, noise, dust, odours and other community concerns are also increasingly requiring our attention as regulators and in engaging with affected people.

In WA, water and climate remain priority issues. Government's key water direction statement, *Made Possible by Water*, directs our work with the State's water utilities and corporations to strengthen water security across Perth and regional communities while supporting housing, jobs and economic growth.

We are building drought resilience in dryland and regional agricultural areas through strategic water supply programs and partnerships with Commonwealth and local governments, industry and community, ensuring water security needs are being met wherever we are in the state.

Our circular economy work across food organics, e-waste, tyres, cardboard and other priority materials is supporting greater resource recovery and reducing the amount of valuable materials lost to landfill.

The year saw great global climate, geopolitical and economic change and therefore the need for agile and forward-looking responses that consider energy and decarbonisation, new industries and mining and processing of critical minerals.

We lead and support major projects in housing, energy and infrastructure through assessment and approvals. Our approvals system integrates the best science, environmental protections and outcomes. I am proud of our work in streamlining approvals processes and of our role in wider government initiatives such as the lead agency framework and Green Energy Approvals Initiative.

You will see some examples in this report of the science and environmental management work we do as a Department, and how that ensures evidence-based, practical decisions are made in our assessments, and to support informed regulatory decision-making.

We are working hard to inform, reform and improve environmental impact assessments to deliver sustainable outcomes that link today's actions to long term benefits for WA.

Our role is to strike the right balance for Western Australia – protecting nature and water while enabling communities and the economy to thrive.

This approach will guide our regulation, advice and programs to 2050 and beyond.

Alistair Jones
Director General





Our 2025–26 highlights

12,995



water licences managed
covering 4,000+ GL of licensed
water entitlements

Statewide
climate
projections



WA's first statewide
projections support
future planning

48

community
water supply
projects
approved
with 33 local
governments



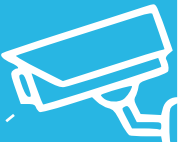
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active
freshwater
investigations



conducted on water
resources and
ecosystems

400+



river and estuary
sites monitored
across the south-west

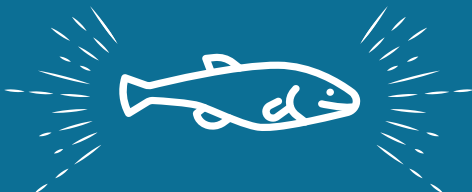
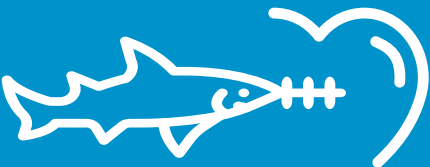
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emissions
profiles tracked
across 140 government
entities through new
software

Threatened
perch

presence
confirmed
in the Helena River



Threatened
sawfish

supported through Kimberley
conservation efforts

16%



seagrass increase
reported in the Peel-Harvey

\$6.35 mil

in carbon
innovation
grants



approved for
emissions reduction
initiatives



200 mil
more
containers
captured
yearly

through the expanded
Containers for Change scheme

25



EPA
reports completed
with departmental
support for environmental
assessment



9,269

environment
reports received
from community, industry
and other sources



Water
measurement
drones

tested for water data
collection

591 tonnes

of hazardous household
materials collected



3,000+

land planning advice
requests provided
supporting planning decisions
across Western Australia

254



environmental
incidents
responded to on pollution and
environmental risk matters

Infra-red gas
detection
systems



trialled for
field use and
environmental
monitoring



Recycling

capacity funded for tyre and
cardboard recovery

175

Green Energy
assessments
completed
since 2023



387



environmental
investigations
completed
on environmental compliance
matters

44



environment
and water
workstreams
progressed for delivery in
the Cocos Keeling Islands



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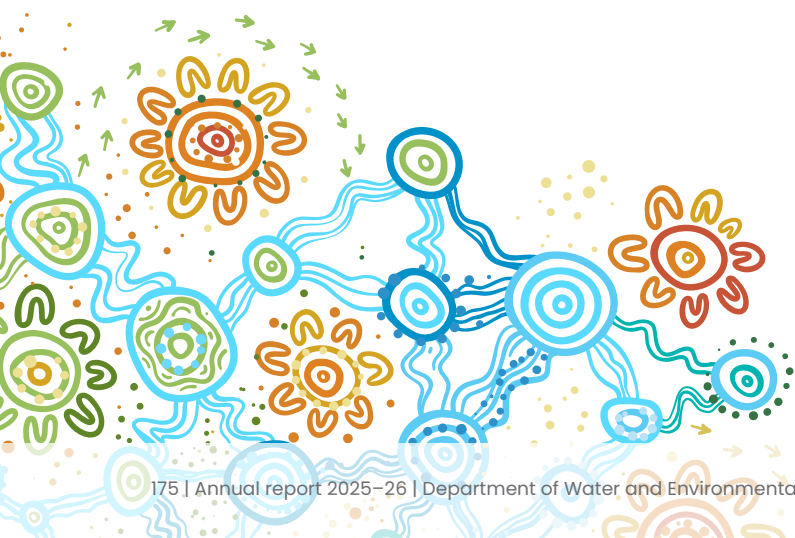
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Ministerial directions

► Direction to undertake compliance and enforcement audit – battery storage and recycling

In April 2026 the Minister for the Environment directed the Department undertake as a priority a targeted compliance and enforcement audit of premises involved in battery storage, handling, transport, discharge and recycling, and to brief his office on the findings, risks and recommended actions as soon as practicable. The Minister requested specifically that the Department, within its regulatory authority:

- 1) Conduct a compliance audit of all licensed and unlicensed premises involved in the manufacturing, storage, transfer and recycling of batteries; and
- 2) Review the adequacy of existing regulatory arrangements under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and associated regulations relating to batteries.





Government policy requirements

Unauthorised use of credit cards

The following personal expenditure incurred on the Department’s Government Purchasing Cards is disclosed in compliance with Treasurer’s Instruction 8 – Requirement 3.2 (ii)

Details	2025–26
The number of instances the Western Australian Government Purchasing Cards has been used for personal purposes	90
The aggregate amount of personal use expenditure for the reporting period	\$5,214
The aggregate amount of personal use expenditure settled by a due date	\$2,138
The aggregate amount of personal use expenditure settled after the date	\$3,076
The aggregate amount of personal use expenditure remaining unpaid at the end of the reporting period	-
The number of referrals for disciplinary action instigated by the notifiable authority during the reporting period	-





Board and committee remuneration

All remuneration paid by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation during 2025–26 to positions on boards and committees is summarised in the table below.

Board/Committee	Name	Position	Term	Remuneration (\$)
Cockburn Sound Management Council	Brown, Michael	Member	Full	-
	Campbell, Leyland	Member	Full	-
	Davies, Linda	Member	Full	-
	Doak, Denis	Member	Partial	-
	Duckworth, Kelly	Member	Full	-
	Eva, Phillip	Member	Partial	-
	Fisher, Judith	Chair	Partial	1,373
	Jecks, Dawn	Member	Full	-
	Lowry, Kathleen	Member	Full	-
	Mitchell, Elizabeth	Member	Partial	-
	Phillips, Julia	Member	Full	-
	Polglaze, John	Member	Partial	-
	Theobald, Richard	Member	Full	-
	Tull, Malcolm	Member	Partial	-
	Weeks, Cliff	Chair	Partial	7,711
	Total			9,084
Contaminated Sites Committee	Barton, Charmian	Member	Full	8,464
	Brookes, Helen	Member	Partial	7,862
	Bryant, Vanessa	Member	Partial	4,254
	D'Ercole, Ron	Member	Partial	-
	Dodge, Warren	Chair	Partial	72,568
	Goetzmann, Mirella	Member	Partial	-
	McNab, Peter	Chair	Full	19,597
	Zafiropoulos, Peter	Member	Partial	-
	Total			112,745



Board/Committee	Name	Position	Term	Remuneration (\$)
Environmental Protection Authority	Beck, Hamish	Member	Full	66,677
	Bennett, Jane	Deputy Chair / Member	Full	97,800
	Caddy, David	Member	Full	59,887
	Caple, Karen	Member	Full	61,178
	Carr, Elizabeth	Member	N/A	1,032
	Faulkner, Kelly	Member	Full	60,476
	Flugge, Regina	Member	Partial	18,462
	Harvey, Robert	Member	N/A	4,127
	McIntosh, Lee	Deputy Chair	Partial	111,557
	Mckenzie, Fiona	Member	N/A	8,219
	McLeod, Glen	Member	N/A	3,235
	Pope, Jennifer	Member	N/A	4,887
	Sutton, Anthony	Member	Full	80,771
	Twomey, Luke	Member	Full	60,476
	Walsh, Darren	Chair	Full	418,079
	Total			1,056,863
South West Geographe Catchment Council	Batley, Annette	Member	Full	1,038
	Belford, Robin	Member	Full	346
	Bromell, Ross	Member	Partial	1,384
	Cronin, Phillip	Member	Full	2,077
	Ferguson, John	Member	Partial	692
	Hosken, William	Member	Full	-
	McCleery, Peter	Member	Full	2,077
	Oddy, Geoffery	Member	Full	-
	Pursell, Steven	Member	Partial	1,730
	Sharp, Terri	Member	Partial	1,730
	Treasure, Charmaine	Member	Partial	2,077
	Ward, Ianto	Member	Full	1,730
	Weinert, Andrew	Deputy Chair	Full	1,730
	Winton, Victoria	Chair	Full	20,500
	Total			37,111



Board and committee remuneration (continued from previous page)

Board/Committee	Name	Position	Term	Remuneration (\$)
Warren Donnelly Water Advisory Committee	Batty, Mark	Member	Full	676
	Bellottie, Chontarle	Member	Full	-
	Blakers, Alan	Member	Full	800
	Buegge, Donelle	Chair	Full	3,312
	Cummins, Don	Member	Full	-
	Darin, Jayde	Member	Full	-
	Fry, Dianne	Member	Full	1,763
	Guise, Neil	Member	Full	-
	Mcvee, Craig	Member	Full	-
	Pessotto, Carlo	Member	Full	1,353
	Rey, Alexandra	Member	Full	410
	Winfield, Joel	Member	Full	1,496
	Wren, Brad	Member	Full	2,583
	Total			12,393
Waste Authority Committee	Broomhall, Lee	Deputy Chair	Full	38,723
	Byrne, Joshua	Member	Full	32,765
	Carr, Elizabeth	Chair	Full	59,573
	Howlett, Kelly	Member	Full	32,765
	Youe, Timothy	Member	Full	32,765
	Total			196,591
Grand Total				1,424,787

Compared with 2024–25, the total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits and other benefits for Boards and Committees for the reporting period is presented.

Consultants expenditure

The agency engaged the following consultants in 2025–26 where the actual cost was greater than \$50,000 inc GST.

Consultant	Title of project	Amount (\$)
ChemCentre	Delithiated Beta Spodumene Project	290,125
Total		290,125



Work health and safety and injury management

Our people are critical to delivering our purpose of caring for Country, climate and community. During 2025–26, the Department focused on proactively managing work health and safety risks, supporting employee wellbeing and building organisational capability. This included continued efforts to strengthen psychological health and safety, improve injury prevention and early intervention practices, and support employees and managers through effective injury management and return-to-work processes.

Our work health and safety committees and health and safety representatives continued to play an important role in identifying emerging risks, monitoring workplace safety performance and supporting continuous improvement initiatives across the Department.

During the year, we continued to invest in leader capability and safety awareness, ensuring managers were equipped to meet their obligations and support their teams.

Performance against these measures is summarised in the table on the following page.



Measures		Results	Results 2024–25	Results 2025–26	Targets	Comments towards targets
Number of fatalities		0	0	0	0	The Department had 0 fatalities for the 2025–26 financial year
Incidence of work-related injury or illness		3.41%	1.63%	6.33%	Reduce by 2% per year and 15% by 2033 compared with 2023	Figures show all claims lodged. However, three claims were not accepted, providing a more accurate representation of the organisation's work-related injury and illness profile. The number of actual claims remains low relative to the size of the workforce
Incidence rate of serious claims with one or more weeks' lost time		2.56%	0.81%	1.58%	Reduce by 2.5% per year and 20% by 2033 compared with 2023	Claims remain low relative to the size of the workforce. The Department continues to focus on targeted risk controls, early intervention and injury management to prevent injuries with potential for extended absences from work.
Incidence rate of claims resulting in permanent impairment		0%	1%	0%	Reduce by 2% per year and 15% by 2033 compared with 2023	No work-related injuries or illnesses were experienced with lasting impacts on an employee's capacity or quality of life.
Incidence rate of work-related respiratory disease		0%	0%	0%	Reduce by 2.5% per year and 20% by 2033 compared with 2023	The Department continues to effectively manage respiratory health risks, with no reported cases of respiratory disease during the reporting period.
Percentage of managers training in work health and safety		94%	90%	74%	Greater than or equal to 80% of cohort trained within last two years	The result reflects the rolling two-year training period. Follow-up activities are planned for the latter part of 2026 to return the target level to above 80%.
Percentage of managers training in injury management		95%	92%	87%	Greater than or equal to 80% of cohort trained within last five years	Training uptake remains consistently high across the Department.
Percentage of workers returned to work on full duties within 13 weeks		99.9%	80%	25%	No target for 13 weeks	The duration of absences from the workplace highlight's the Department's commitment to ensuring workers only return to the work environment when medically fit to do so.
Percentage of workers returned to work on full duties within 26 weeks		99.9%	80%	25%	Greater than or equal to 70% returned to work within 26 weeks	While some workers compensation claims have resulted in extended absences, no claims have resulted in permanent injury.
Agency has a WHS management system that has been independently assessed in the last five years		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Independently assessed in 2022.
Consultative systems	Number of health and safety representatives	12	13	13	No target	Following feedback from workers, a review of health and safety representatives (HSR) needs is underway to ensure representation aligns with work risk profiles. The review is expected to recommend that further HSRs be elected in 2026–27.
	In total	12	11	7		
Who have attended HSR training	Shown as a percentage of workers	1%	1%	1%		
	Shown as a ratio to the number of workplaces occupied by the agency	100%	108%	108%		
Name/s of health and safety committees and sub-committees		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corporate Work Health and Safety CommitteeNorth West and Mid West Regions Work Health and Safety Sub-CommitteeSouth and South West Regions Work Health Safety Sub-Committee				



WA multicultural policy framework

The Department's *Multicultural plan 2023–2026* sets out tangible actions against three key outcomes:

- a welcoming and inclusive workplace culture
- culturally appropriate services that meet our clients' needs
- engagement with culturally diverse communities.



Multicultural policy framework key achievements over the reporting period include:

Achieved Diversity Council Australia (DCA) Inclusive Employer Status in 2025–26 – for the third consecutive year – following participation in the DCA Inclusive Employer Index in September 2025. This is a whole-of-department employee survey used to support our understanding of our workforce and workplace culture and to enable a benchmark against other public and private sector organisations.

Encouraged employees to celebrate Harmony Week 2026, with a strong focus on participation and events occurring both in Perth and across the regions.

Presented a booklet featuring 13 employees and their personal stories: From all the lands on earth we come: A collection of family, cultural and ancestral 'Australian origin stories' kindly shared by DWER employees.

Finalised a new *Multicultural plan 2026–29* to launch in the 2026–27 year and support our ongoing and future strategies

Guided by the principles and desired outcomes established in the government's Western Australian Multicultural Policy Framework, our multicultural plan outlines our commitment to actions across our policy, programs and service areas. Through these actions, we seek to promote economic, social, cultural, civic and political participation.



Substantive equality

The Department applies the WA Policy Framework for Substantive Equality in the development and delivery of its policies, programs and services. During 2025–26, we continued to identify and reduce barriers to equitable access, with a focus on Aboriginal people, regional communities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people with disability.

Key activities during the year included strengthening stakeholder engagement, supporting culturally responsive engagement, improving the accessibility of departmental information and events, and building staff capability in inclusive service delivery. These initiatives complemented actions delivered through the Department's Multicultural Plan, [Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024–29](#), and other accessibility initiatives, supporting fair, accessible and responsive services.





Workforce planning and inclusiveness

During 2025–26, the Department continued to strengthen workforce capability through initiatives focused on leadership development, strategic workforce planning, succession management, workforce mobility and employee engagement. These initiatives support a capable, adaptable workforce aligned with the Department's strategic and operational priorities.



Workforce planning
key achievements over
the reporting period include:

A new human
resources business
partnering model

27 Graduate
program
and learning
placements
supported

The Skills
Academy, first
blended and online
learning programs

60 mentor–mentee
partnerships

32 senior leaders
completing the
WELL Leadership
Program in 2025 and
76 Level 8 managers
commencing in 2026

Supporting our
early career
employees with
the Youth Outreach
Understanding
Network Group
(YOUNG)



Closing the Gap requirements

During 2025–26, the Department continued to deliver on its commitments under the [National Agreement on Closing the Gap](#), contributing to the Priority Reforms through partnerships with Aboriginal organisations, strengthened Aboriginal participation in decision-making, and initiatives to embed Aboriginal knowledge systems across the Department.

A key achievement was the development of the *Caring for Country: 10 Year Transformation Strategy*. The Strategy supports long-term organisational change by strengthening cultural capability, enabling shared decision-making, and embedding Aboriginal worldviews and knowledge systems into the Department's policies, systems and practices. It aligns with the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap* and the WA Government's [Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy](#).







Other legal requirements

Advertising, Market Research, Polling and Direct Mail Expenditure 2025–26

Expenditure	Organisation	Amount (\$)	Total (\$)
Advertising	Carat Australia	954,017	
	Acoustics Australia	935	
	Initiative Media Australia	76,503	
	Prosple Pty Ltd	7,650	
	Seek Ltd	30,932	
	Facebook	103,902	
	Google	45,344	
	LinkedIn Ads	2,884	
	State Law Publisher	567	
	Australian Retail Council	201,482	
	Louise Michelle Coghill	24,760	
	Department of Premier Cabinet	437	
	Likeable Creative Pty	33,947	
	Independent and General Media	64,370	1,547,730
Market Research	Painted Dog	135,880	
	The Behaviour Architects	83,011	
	Sit Back Solutions	232,211	451,102
Polling		-	-
Direct Mail		-	-
GRAND TOTAL			1,998,832

Advertising, market research, polling and direct mail expenditure

In accordance with section 175ZE of the *Electoral Act 1907*, the agency incurred the following expenditure in advertising, market research, polling, direct mail and media advertising.

Disability access and inclusion plan outcomes

We are continuing to progress our [Disability access and inclusion plan 2024–29](#). The plan reflects our values and is designed to ensure that people with disability have equitable access to the services and facilities that we provide. The plan is informed by government accessibility standards and provides a strategic framework to ensure we continue to meet our legislative requirements to provide equitable access over seven outcomes. We aim to comply with, and surpass, our obligations under the *Disability Services Act 1993*, *Equal Opportunity Act 1984* and the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth).



Key achievements over the reporting period include:

- A Workplace Adjustments Policy and supporting guidelines in June 2026, with communication and implementation activities scheduled to support rollout across the organisation.
- 2026 Disability Confident Recruiter accreditation through the Australian Disability Network.
- Completion of accessibility audits at our Bunbury and Busselton regional offices.
- Incorporation of accessibility considerations in event planning tools and checklists and captured accessibility requirements at the point of registration for staff training and events. Updated training event feedback mechanisms, including evaluation surveys, with specific questions to confirm whether accessibility needs had been met.
- Reviewed and updated our website content and sub-sites (including multiple service pages) to align with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), improving usability and accessibility. An automatic website translation function was also implemented, enabling content to be accessed in more than 100 languages.
- Captioning applied to externally published videos. See, for example [DWER Aboriginal artwork – YouTube](#).

Compliance with public sector standards and ethical codes

In accordance with s.21 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, we comply with standards of merit, equity and probity in relation to human resources activities. No breaches of the Western Australian Public Sector Standards were lodged with the Public Sector Commissioner in 2025–26. We resolved breach applications internally through conciliation within the prescribed timelines.

Recordkeeping plans

During 2025–26, we focused on strengthening information governance by progressing Phase 2 of the Information Classification Policy. This included implementing the Information Asset Register to support consistent classification and management of information assets across the Department. Staff capability was enhanced through completion of mandatory training as follows:

- information classification (90 per cent)
- privacy and responsible information sharing (PRIS) (87 per cent)
- recordkeeping awareness training (89 per cent)
- recordkeeping awareness refresher training (85 per cent).

Our recordkeeping and information governance initiatives also supported implementation of the *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024*, with improved classification, register-based oversight of information assets, strengthened governance controls and high levels of staff training participation helping to facilitate responsible information sharing, while protecting privacy and ensuring appropriate handling of government information.

Freedom of information

In accordance with s.10 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (FOI Act), a person has a right to be given access to documents of an agency subject to, and in accordance with, the FOI Act. During 2025–26, we dealt with 287 valid FOI applications (excluding full transfers). The average time taken to process applications was 79 days. Of the requests, 285 were for non personal information and two were for personal information.

Feedback and complaints

We welcome feedback on our service delivery and respect our customers' rights to complain. We are committed to providing high-quality services to meet our customers' needs, guided by our customer service charter. Feedback and complaints are encouraged through our online forms. There were 83 submissions via the online feedback form between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026. The majority of these were directed to Environment Watch and some were referred to other government agencies.



Appendices

Legislation administered by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation as at 30 June 2026

Appendix A: Legislation

► Environment

Carbon Rights Act 2003

Contaminated Sites Act 2003

Environmental Protection Act 1986

Environmental Protection (Landfill) Levy Act 1998

Litter Act 1979

National Environment Protection Council (Western Australia) Act 1996

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Act 2007

► Water

Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947

Metropolitan Arterial Drainage Act 1982

Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act 1909

Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914

Water Agencies (Powers) Act 1984

Water Agencies Restructure (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 1995

Water Corporations Act 1995

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2006

Water Resources Legislation Amendment Act 2007

Water Services Act 2012

Waterways Conservation Act 1976



Regulations administered by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation as at 30 June 2026

Contaminated Sites Regulations 2006	Environmental Protection (Metal Coating) Regulations 2001	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Deposit Scheme) Regulations 2019
Country Areas Water Supply By-laws 1957	Environmental Protection (NEPM-NPI) Regulations 1998	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (e-waste) Regulations 2024
Country Areas Water Supply (Clearing Licence) Regulations 1981	Environmental Protection (NEPM-UPM) Regulations 2013	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Regulations 2008
Environmental Protection (Abattoirs) Regulations 2001	Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008
Environmental Protection (Abrasive Blasting) Regulations 1998	Environmental Protection (Packaged Fertiliser) Regulations 2010	Water Agencies (Powers) (Entry Warrant) Regulations 2026
Environmental Protection (Bilateral Agreements) Regulations 2021	Environmental Protection (Petrol) Regulations 1999	Water Agencies (Powers) (Infringements) Regulations 2026
Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004	Environmental Protection (Plastic Bags) Regulations 2018	Water Agencies (Water Use) By-laws 2010
Environmental Protection (Concrete Batching and Cement Product Manufacturing) Regulations 1998	Environmental Protection (Prohibited Plastics and Balloons) Regulations 2018	Water Corporations (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2013
Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004	Environmental Protection (Prohibited Plastics) Regulations 2018	Water Services Code of Conduct (Customer Service Standards) 2024
Environmental Protection (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2021	Environmental Protection (Recovery of Vapours from the Transfer of Organic Liquids) Regulations 1995	Water Services Code of Practice (Family Violence) 2020
Environmental Protection (Diesel and Petrol) Regulations 1999	Environmental Protection Regulations 1987	Water Services Coordination (Plumbers Licensing) Regulations 2000
Environmental Protection (Environmentally Sensitive Areas) Notice 2005	Environmental Protection (Rural Landfill) Regulations 2002	Water Services Licensing (Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards) Regulations 2000
Environmental Protection (Fibre Reinforced Plastics) Regulations 1998	Environmental Protection (Solid Fuel Heater and Firewood) Regulations 2018	Water Services Regulations 2013
Environmental Protection (Goldfields Residential Area) (Sulfur Dioxide) Regulations 2003	Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004	Water Services (Water Corporations Charges) Regulations 2014
Environmental Protection (Goldfields Residential Areas) (Sulfur Dioxide) Regulations 2003	Litter Regulations 1981	Waterways Conservation Regulations 1981
Environmental Protection (Kwinana) (Atmospheric Wastes) Regulations 1992	Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws 1981	



Other subsidiary legislation affecting our activities

For all other subsidiary legislation including bylaws, notices, declarations, proclamations, approvals, exemptions, orders, policy, pollution control areas, vesting orders, irrigation districts, standards and guidelines, please visit www.legislation.wa.gov.au.

Other key legislation affecting our activities

In the performance of our functions, the Department complied with the following laws:

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

Auditor General Act 2006

Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003

Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)

Disability Services Act 1993

Equal Opportunity Act 1984

Financial Management Act 2006

Freedom of Information Act 1992

Government Employees Housing Act 1964

Industrial Relations Act 1979

National Environmental Protection Council Act 1997 (Cth)

Long Service Leave Act 1958

Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024

Procurement Act 2020

Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003

Public Sector Management Act 1994

Salaries and Allowances Act 1975

State Records Act 2000

Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981

Work Health and Safety Act 2020



Appendix B: Shortened forms

Term	Definition
AWEAG	Aboriginal Water and Environment Advisory Group
C&D	construction and demolition
C&I	commercial and industrial
Contaminated Sites Act	<i>Contaminated Sites Act 2003</i>
CWSP	Community Water Supplies Partnership
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DEMIRS	Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Department	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
DMA	decision-making authority
DPIRD	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Term	Definition
EIA	environmental impact assessment
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
ERRF	Environmental Revegetation and Rehabilitation Fund
EV	electric vehicle
FOGO	food organics and garden organics
FOI	freedom of information
FOI Act	<i>Freedom of Information Act 1992</i>
GL	gigalitres
ha	hectares
JTSI	Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
KABC	Keep Australia Beautiful Council
KPI	key performance indicator

Term	Definition
LGA	local government authority
MAC	Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation
MAR	Mandatory Auditor's Report
MSW	municipal solid waste
RtR	Roads to Reuse
SCWS	Strategic Community Water Supply
SERS	<i>Sectoral emissions reduction strategy for Western Australia</i>
WA	Western Australia
WALGA	Western Australia Local Government Association
waste strategy	<i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030</i>
WIR	Water Information Reporting



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