

Regulator Performance Framework (RPF)

The RPF

The framework consists of six outcomes-based key performance indicators (KPIs) that are measured and assessed by all Commonwealth regulators. The KPIs cover the following broad areas: communication, risk-based and proportionate approaches, transparency, reducing regulatory burden and continuous improvement. Regulators must consider how they operate and the regulatory burden created when administering regulation. The key purpose of the RPF is to improve regulator's performance by being publicly accountable in demonstrating effective management of risk. The framework is also expected to drive cultural change and encourage the adoption of risk-based approaches.

NOPSEMA's approach

NOPSEMA has aligned the RPF requirements with the PGPA Act and the Enhanced Commonwealth Performance Framework. NOPSEMA's corporate plan KPIs are aligned, and grouped into, the RPF KPIs. This gives the agency the flexibility to streamline performance assessment and reporting while still ensuring accountability and transparency is maintained.

RPF requirements state that regulators must self-assess their performance against the RPF annually, and that the results of the self-assessment (report) must:

- be validated by the approved Ministerial Advisory Council as external stakeholders¹
- be certified by the agency's accountable authority (CEO)
- be provided to the agency's portfolio minister
- be published no later than 31 December each year.

NOPSEMA's 2017-18 RPF self-assessment report

NOPSEMA has continued to meet the requirements of the RPF. Details are published in the NOPSEMA Annual Report Performance Statements at <https://www.nopsema.gov.au/assets/Publications/A638600.pdf>

¹ The approved MAC for NOPSEMA this is the Growth Centres Advisory Committee (GCAC)

Growth Centres Advisory Committee Response

Response provided by National Energy Resources Australia (NERA)².

The key purpose of the RPF is to improve regulator's performance by being publicly accountable in demonstrating effective management of risk. Overall NOPSEMA's self-assessment is a positive reflection that it has implemented the RPF and substantially met its six KPI's.

The self-assessment is comprehensive and considers all of the regulatory functions of the statutory authority and its interactions with stakeholders. The link between evidence and performance measures is documented and NOPSEMA's 23 performance KPIs adequately cover the scope of regulatory activities.

- NOPSEMA's communication with stakeholders is via multiple methods- Quarterly strategic meetings with Titleholders/ Proponents/ Operators, its website, 'The Regulator' quarterly newsletter, specific committees and group meetings. An area of improvement is for NOPSEMA to better articulate guidance to industry on particular impacts which need to be addressed in submissions from Titleholders and Proponents. NOPSEMA has published a Statement of Intent in response to the Minister's Statement of Expectations and both documents are published on its website.
- NOPSEMA has prioritised stakeholder engagement with the establishment of the Community Environmental Reference Group and the Transparency initiative which was overseen by a multi-sector steering committee;
- NOPSEMA engages with wide group outside the regulated industry such as Regional Co-operative Forums, Fishers and other regulatory agencies to exchange views;
- NOPSEMA engages effectively with international counterparts on regular basis;
- NOPSEMA's actions are proportionate to regulatory risk with enforcement action including options for graduated compliance actions leading to prosecutions and the use specific directions. Compliance and monitoring activities are effective- the "find one, fix many" approach is effective in communicating emerging issues across industry operators;
- NOPSEMA links well with NOPTA to address emerging issues such as new entrants to industry; financial transactions at end of field life and asset decommissioning;

NOPSEMA is an effective regulator, independently and professionally regulating offshore safety, well integrity and environmental management of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage industries in Commonwealth waters. The regulated entities support NOPSEMA in its role.

Further information

RPF details available at <https://docs.jobs.gov.au/documents/regulator-performance-framework>

NOPSEMA's Annual Reports are available at <https://www.nopsema.gov.au/about/people-planning-and-performance/>

² The not-for-profit company responsible for delivering the activities of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Growth Centre.