

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 2016-17 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/NOPSEMA-Annual-Report-2016-17.pdf>.

Growth Centres Advisory Committee Response

Response provided by Ken Fitzpatrick, Chair, 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 reflects it has implemented the RPF and its six KPI's. NOPSEMA acknowledges there is more to be done to address openness and transparency concerns from both the industry and the community's perspective.

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

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

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

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

Further information

Further information on the RPF is available at: www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/resources/rpf

NOPSEMA's RPF results and detailed KPI results are published as Annual Performance Statements in the Annual Report, available on the website:

<https://www.nopsema.gov.au/about/people-planning-and-performance/>