

# Darwin Rural Water Regulation Strategy 2023–26

## GOAL ▶

Recalibrate water allocations, deter unlawful water use and reduce excess licence entitlements

## WHY ▶

Quantify the volume of water use and manage water resources

## OUTCOME ▶

Increase water security for all water users

## What we are doing:



### Legislative REFORM

- ✓ Accelerate transition of commercial water users into licensing
- ✓ Limit new domestic rights to water
- ✓ Restrict Water Extraction Areas



### REGULATE unlawful water use

- ✓ Identify unlawful water extraction
- ✓ Support licence application process
- ✓ Educate, compel or enforce compliance



### RECALIBRATE allocations

- ✓ Review and refine water resource areas
- ✓ Review domestic allocations
- ✓ Improve water accounting
- ✓ Promote water efficiency



### RECOVER excess water

- ✓ Align licence allocations with water use
- ✓ Identify and recover excess licence allocations
- ✓ Reallocate water