

Dams Safety NSW - Strategic objectives



Purpose

Ensure the owners of declared dams are responsible asset managers to safeguard communities for a resilient future.

Vision

Safe dams for NSW

Public value

The community, environment and infrastructure are protected from harm caused by dam failure.



Champion risk management to safeguard against harm caused by dam failure.

Advice
We advise government on dams’ safety to ensure it is prepared for risk.

Engagement
We engage with stakeholders to inform our priorities.

Education
We support dam owners to adaptively improve their safety knowledge, skills and practices.

Communication
We explain what’s needed to comply with dam safety laws.

Uphold a sound, fair and transparent dam safety regulatory system.

Rulemaking
We support the making of standards and rules to be applied in dams’ safety.

Identification
We identify dams in NSW and those that should be declared.

Declaration
We decide which dams need to be regulated.

Verification
We review data and information to ensure accuracy.

Monitor compliance and hold declared dam owners to account.

Intelligence
We analyse data and information to identify trends and opportunities.

Audits
We monitor compliance with dam safety laws to reinforce accountability.

Compliance and enforcement
We use a proportionate, risk-based enforcement approach to ensure owners address their non-compliance.

Reporting
We report on compliance trends and outcomes to hold dam owners to account.

Stay true to our purpose.

Governance
We are responsible stewards of the regulatory system.

Resources
We provide the resources for our people to succeed.

Performance
We monitor our performance to ensure we are on track, innovate and improve.

Transparency
We share information about our work and impact to be accountable.

Outcomes

Stakeholders regard DSNSW as effective and efficient.

The maturity of our regulatory system and practices evolve to meet better practice.

Our efforts and insights ensure dam owners achieve measurable safety benefits.

Our people thrive in their work and welcome scrutiny.