




Resource and Environmental Regulation Strategic Deliverables

Towards 2029





The **Resource and Environmental Regulation Group (RER)** provides regulatory and policy oversight of the resources sector, in all areas apart from worker safety. Delivers DEMIRS geoscience functions, reducing risk for explorers and increasing the attractiveness of WA as a destination of choice for resource companies. And plays a critical role in building and strengthening WA's economy, whilst ensuring the State's resources are developed in a sustainable and responsible manner.





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Our priorities:

-  Sustain responsible industries
-  Protect the community
-  Drive energy transition

Our approach:

-  Empower people
-  Advance effective regulation
-  Cultivate trust and collaboration
-  Lead through change

Strategic deliverable	12 month focus (2024–25)	Measure/s of success (Towards 2029)
<p>Deliver a suite of major geoscience data and systems programs to improve our knowledge of the States geology enabling us to support all Western Australians, including regional and local communities, the resource sector, research centres and traditional owners.</p> <p>Timeframe: up to 10 years</p> 	<p>Among other priorities, we will focus on delivery of key milestones for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WA Carbon Dioxide Geological Storage Atlas;¹ 2. WA Array Program (2032); 3. WA-Magnetotelluric Program (2034); and 4. Geoscience Data Transformation Program (2026).² 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. WA's geological knowledge is improved: facilitating decision making for optimising land use and opening new land areas for exploration, encouraging regional infrastructure development. b. Increased industry uptake of DEMIRS online systems and resources. c. Delivery of key project milestones across major projects on time and within budget.
<p>Empower Aboriginal people³</p> <p>Timeframe: 5 years</p> 	<p>Continue to develop and implement work programs across RER group aligned to the Aboriginal Empowerment Initiative.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. DEMIRS policies, plans, initiatives and programs contribute to better outcomes for Aboriginal people, built around genuine partnerships and engagement. b. DEMIRS has strong culturally responsive ways of working.
<p>Ensure Western Australia continues to lead with best practice regulatory frameworks for the resource sector.</p> <p>Timeframe: 1 to 5 years</p> 	<p>This will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delivery of a regulatory regime for underground storage of Carbon and natural Hydrogen. 2. Implementation of a CO₂ injection levy and Petroleum Rehabilitation Fund. 3. Initiatives to streamline and modernise mining tenure processes, including procedural improvements to the Mining Act aimed at removing common pitfalls. 4. Online system enhancement program. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Delivery of Resources Online. b. Drafting and implementation of legislative and regulatory amendments. c. Consultation on changes including release of discussion papers. d. Implementation of initiatives including policy, guidance and systems changes required for key reforms. e. Improved customer satisfaction with systems and services.
<p>Improved regulatory compliance outcomes for the mining, petroleum and geothermal sector.</p> <p>Timeframe: 5 years</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Embed a compliance focus and promote DEMIRS role as a regulator. 2. Progress statutory amendments (<i>Mining Act 1978</i>) to enable transfer of royalty collection. 3. Release discussion paper – improve regulatory capability to prevent future liabilities for issues such as orphaned wells. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff are empowered, and industry respects and engages with RER to ensure statutory and other requirements are fulfilled promptly. b. Full migration of royalty collection and administration to RevenueWA. c. Have the regulatory capability to ensure industry meets environmental standards and minimise adverse effect from petroleum and mining activities on the environment.

¹ CEO Performance Agreement.
² GSWA strategic priority.
³ Government initiative.