

## Key changes to the Safe and Secure Water Program

*The NSW Government established the \$1 billion Safe and Secure Water Program in 2017 to provide safe, secure and sustainable water and wastewater services to regional NSW towns.*

The Safe and Secure Water Program has delivered significant benefits to regional NSW. The department has reviewed the operation of the program and identified improvements to better target available funding.

### What's new

In October 2018 the program was relaunched with new program criteria designed to:

- prioritise projects that address the highest risks and issues for regional NSW town water
- ensure an appropriate level of service in smaller towns where the cost of critical infrastructure outweighs the economic benefits provided
- provide more flexibility by including non-infrastructure options, where this is cost-effective
- co-fund and work with local water utilities to resolve a risk that has been prioritised.

### Key changes to the program



Funding moved from Restart NSW—now managed by Department of Planning and Industry and Environment



Priority risks will be funded until the risk is resolved or no longer considered a priority



Positive cost benefit ratio no longer a mandatory criteria for funding



Funding provided for most appropriate mechanism, including integrated water management strategies



Funding will be allocated according to a risk-based priority framework

### Funding Streams

There are three funding streams under the relaunched program:

- Stream 1—Development and delivery of priority solutions to resolve the highest risks
- Stream 2—Integrated water cycle management planning
- Stream 3—Dam safety projects

### More information

Find updated guidelines and more information on the program at [industry.nsw.gov.au/water/water-utilities/infrastructure-programs/safe-and-secure-water-program](http://industry.nsw.gov.au/water/water-utilities/infrastructure-programs/safe-and-secure-water-program)

Contact the program team by email at [sswp@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sswp@industry.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 176 011.

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