



Fact Sheet: The Due Diligence Process

The Department will conduct due diligence assessments as part of the Group Proposals Process. Due diligence is expected to cover:

1. Infrastructure values, expected costs and conveyance water savings
2. The ownership and characteristics of water entitlements offered for sale to the Commonwealth

1. Infrastructure values, expected costs and conveyance water savings

If your group requests a Commonwealth contribution towards infrastructure works associated with your proposal, the Department will take steps to obtain an independent verification of information relevant to the request, such as:

- the value of the infrastructure in question;
- the feasibility and cost of the infrastructure works proposed;
- the timeframe given for these works;
- the volume of any conveyance water savings expected as a result of the infrastructure works; and
- whether the works and/or conveyance water savings are likely to contribute to achieving key *Water for the Future* objectives, such as taking action to prepare for climate change and using water wisely.

2. The ownership and characteristics of water entitlements

If the Government intends to pursue your proposal, due diligence checks will be carried out by the solicitor acting on behalf of the Government to validate the information provided by entitlement holders and check for any issues that may affect the value for money of the offers.

Note: Once due diligence checks have been completed, the Government will apply to the relevant State Authority for approval of the trade. This process needs to be completed prior to settlement and can take between two and twelve weeks, with the majority of approvals taking around four weeks to finalise.