



Fact Sheet – Sustainable Diversion Limit Compliance Framework

What is Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) compliance?

Sustainable diversion limits (SDLs) are how much water, on average, can be used in the Murray-Darling Basin, while keeping the rivers and environment healthy. It is the role of the Inspector-General to assess the compliance of each Basin State with the SDL.

The Inspector-General uses information provided by the Basin States and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to assess compliance. This includes information on:

- how much water was available to be taken (permitted take)
- how much water was taken (actual take)
- if the SDL compliance threshold has been exceeded, the reasons why more water was taken

Why is there a Framework?

The <u>SDL Compliance Framework</u> sets out the Inspector-General's role and objectives in relation to ensuring compliance with the SDLs. The Framework:

- articulates the Inspector-General's expectations, requirements and approach
- provides transparency and confidence about this essential function to the community.

Where can I learn more?

More information on the assessment of SDL compliance can be found in the <u>SDL</u> <u>Compliance Framework - Frequently Asked Questions.</u>

Roles & responsibilities

Basin States

Report on

- Annual permitted and actual take;
- Self-assessment of compliance (for s 71 Water Act) and, if required,
- Provide a reasonable excuse report and action plan,

within 4 months after the end of the water accounting period

Murray-Darling Basin Authority Maintain a Register of Take for each SDL resource unit (Basin Plan, Chapter 6)

Provide Registers of Take report and submitted information (s 71 reports, action plans, reasonable excuse reports) to Inspector-General

Identify concerns with information provided and advise Inspector-General

Inspector-General of Water Compliance

Using information provided by the MDBA, undertake assessment of SDL compliance and publish an annual Sustainable Diversion Limit Compliance Statement.