



**Niall Blair**

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### **DPI WATER ESTABLISHED**

Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water, Niall Blair, today announced the formation of DPI Water – in line with a new direction for managing water in NSW.

Mr Blair said DPI Water will replace the former NSW Office of Water, and will continue to remain within the Department of Primary Industries.

“This is more than just a name change – it’s about a renewed focus on how water is managed, and DPI Water will lead this fresh approach,” Mr Blair said.

“Over recent months the operational functions of the former Office of Water have been closely examined to determine changes to ensure the future of the state’s water management.

“Throughout the process the NSW Government’s top priority has been to deliver quality water services to communities across NSW and we have looked at new opportunities for the future of water management in this state.”

DPI Water will focus on water planning and policy in urban and rural areas, and ensuring our State’s interests are progressed at the national level.

It will also oversee government-funded water infrastructure programs and develop more information on water for the community.

While the traditional role of government functions such as policy, planning, regulation and water program administration will be the focus, the NSW Government will look to remove duplication and overlap in operational areas.

The new DPI Water and Water NSW will now progress these reforms.

As part of the formation of DPI Water, a number of Senior Executive Service positions will now be advertised as part of the *Government Sector Employment Act (GSE Act)* framework.

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