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'Boots on the Ground'  
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# Outline

1. NRAR; its mandate
2. Why NRAR matters
3. How NRAR will deliver



# About NRAR



Established following an independent inquiry into water management and compliance.

Legislative mandate:

1. ensure the efficient, effective, transparent and accountable delivery of the regulatory regime for water.
2. Restore public trust and confidence.

Independent Regulator

# NRAR – Up and running

- Operational; out and about with boots on the ground
- Addressing legacy compliance issues
- Embracing transparency
- Enforcing the law, taking action

# NRAR – Looking ahead

In our infancy, much to be done:

1. Re-establish a compliance presence
2. Re-state professional regulator roles and functions
3. Require highest ethical standards
4. Resolutely commit to acting in the public interest

# Why NRAR matters



- Australian cotton industry, highly respected and globally competitive
- Abstract & use water = rights & obligations
- Protection of assets from theft
- Ineffective regulation undermines asset values and diminishes social licence

# How NRAR will deliver

Rebuilding a compliance regime that affirms the value of water as an asset, protected from those who seek to obtain it unlawfully.

NRAR = we make it easy to comply, painful to not.

Visibly present with clear rules, fairly and consistently applied, NRAR endorse the good and marginalise the bad.

Great majority of water users are honest operators who appreciate the need for rules and want them fairly applied.



## Natural Resources Access Regulator



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