The petroleum and coal seam gas industry in NSW is regulated by four State agencies with responsibilities under different legislation.

The NSW regulators are the Office of Coal Seam Gas, the Environment Protection Authority, the NSW Office of Water and the Department of Planning and Environment.

**Office of Coal Seam Gas (OCSG)**
The OCSG is responsible for regulating:
- petroleum titles — this includes assessing applications, recommending to the Minister on whether to grant or refuse a title, and monitoring and enforcing compliance with title conditions
- workplace health and safety
- environmental rehabilitation
- approving non-State significant development exploration activities — this includes reviewing documents such as the Review of Environmental Factors and Environmental Impact Statements.

**Environment Protection Authority (EPA)**
The EPA is the lead environmental and waste regulator responsible for the environmental and health impacts of coal seam gas activities. This includes granting and varying Environmental Protection Licences (EPLs). EPLs are required for all coal seam gas activities, with the exception of some minor, low impact activities.

**NSW Office of Water (NOW)**
The NOW is responsible for the overall management and control of surface and groundwater in NSW, and administering the Aquifer Interference Policy.

**Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)**
The DPE is responsible for the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy, which includes the Gateway process, Strategic Agricultural Land mapping and coal seam gas exclusion zones, and assessing and approving development applications for major projects under NSW planning laws. This can include state significant petroleum exploration projects and all petroleum production projects.

These regulators work together to provide expert advice to Government on all petroleum activities — from applications for exploration activities through to production.

The regulators have entered into a joint Memorandum of Understanding which provides a strong whole-of-government approach to petroleum regulation.