

Terms of reference

Purpose of review

To deliver value for money for the NSW taxpayer by ensuring that the administration, assessment and assurance of grants programs in NSW is in line with best practice.

Objectives

To ensure that all grants programs administered by the NSW Government:

- deliver value for public money in achieving their stated purpose or purposes;
- are robust in their planning and design;
- adopt key principles of transparency, accountability and probity; and
- deliver a high-quality customer experience.

To produce an updated Good Practice Guide to Grants Administration (the **Guide**).

Scope

The review will have regard to:

- guidelines from other jurisdictions that have been identified as best practice;
- recommendations made by NSW parliamentary, integrity and oversight bodies;
- best practice risk assessment and frameworks for grants administration and assurance; and
- the existing NSW policy and legislative context.

Governance and outputs

The review will be led by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (**DPC**) in partnership with the Productivity Commissioner, Mr Peter Achterstraat AM, with the updated Guide and any recommendations to be delivered to the Premier by April 2022.

Consultation across the public sector, including through a working group comprising representatives from key agencies that administer grants, will inform the review.