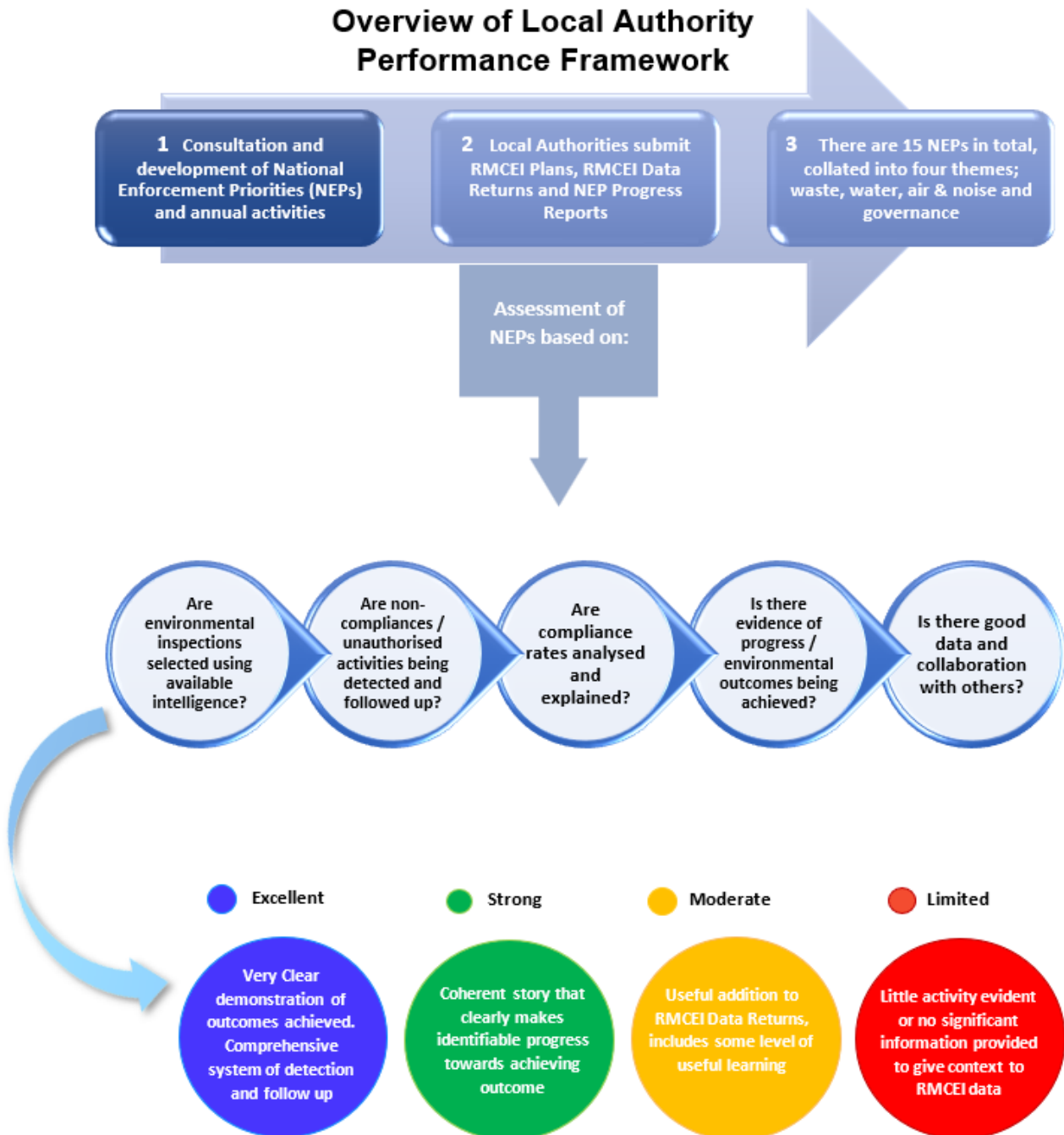


Overview of Local Authority Performance Framework



Local Authority Performance Framework – Overview of Process

The Local Authority Performance Framework (LAPF) measures local authority performance in delivering the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) across waste, water, air and noise, which are aimed at achieving national environmental outcomes.

There are 15 NEPs in total; 5 in waste, 4 in water, 4 in air and noise, and 2 in governance processes. The EPA's assessment of local authority performance is based on the information and data contained in the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Plans, Data Returns and NEP Progress Reports which are submitted on an annual basis to the EPA, by each local authority. EPA and third-party intelligence is also considered in the assessments.

The LAPF operates on a three-year cycle. The first cycle ran from 2022 to 2024, followed by the second cycle from 2025 to 2027.

The NEP assessment criteria are outlined in the table below. Each NEP is scored according to a four-point scale; Excellent, Strong, Moderate or Limited.

NEP Assessment Criteria		
A	For authorised sites, a compliance rate documented and compared over the previous years, and analysed or explained;	CORE
B	Demonstrate appropriate site selection methodology and inspection implementation and/or early interventions;	
C	Demonstration that non-compliances/unauthorised activities are being detected and are being followed up – and some progress in the NEP is shown.	
D	Clear example of a positive environmental outcome – something was achieved to improve the environment (not simply reached a target of inspections);	
E	Clear useful learning in a NEP area (positive or negative <u>e.g.</u> what to do, or what not to do, or identification of illegal sites or unauthorised operators);	Complementary
F	Collaborative work with WERLA, NTFSO, RWMPO, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects, inter-departmental within the local authority or with other local authorities; cross cutting NEP collaboration.	
G	Demonstration of a proactive approach , or innovation in dealing with a problem or demonstration of an enforcement curiosity.	
H	Compliance promotion and awareness raising activities;	
I	Activities on data validation, data analysis, systems development, website development ;	
J	Significant enforcement actions/prosecutions and the outcomes such as remediation, sharing of lessons learnt to aid national consistency of enforcement;	
K	Case studies written up and shared that encompass any of the above properties.	