NSW GOVERNMENT DATA QUALITY STATEMENT: 29 NOVEMBER 2026

Name of dataset or data source:	2025 Field evaluation of Next Generation Soil Technologies (NGSTs) - Lockhart Block B
Custodian of the dataset or data source:	TBD
Description:	This dataset contains replicated data for soil chemical properties, gravimetric soil water, biomass and grain yield responses to conventional and engineered soil ameliorants. Capacitance sensor soil water measurements were logged from a subset of contrasting treatments. Onsite weather data were collected. Predicta B soil DNA testing was used at trial commencement to assess soil pathogen presence. The experiment described as Block B was established in 2025. Ameliorants at this site were targeted at sodicity in both the surface and subsoil.
Data quality rating:	★Institutional Environment - 5 ★Accuracy - 4 ★Coherence - 5 ☆Interpretability - 3 ☆Accessibility - 3

INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT — Excellent ★

✔ DPI is the recognised custodian for this dataset
✔ The data is collected and managed according to a data quality framework

i.e. are there rules, processes and checks in place to ensure high data quality?(Policy, Information asset governance, standards)

✔ Data collection is authorised by law, regulation or agreement
✔ The Custodial agency has no commercial interest or conflict of interest in the data

ACCURACY — Very Good ★

✔ Data has been subject to a quality assurance process (e.g. checking for errors at each stage of data collection and processing, or verifying data entry and making corrections if necessary.)
✔ A revision policy exists for the dataset (i.e if errors are identified in data)
✔ No changes have been made or other factors identified that could impact the validity of data (e.g weighting, rounding, de-identification of data, changes or flaws in data collection or verification methods).

The adjustments, changes/factors have been identified in caveats and are attached to the asset.

✔ The data collection meets the objectives of the primary user. i.e.The data correctly represents what it was designed to measure, monitor or report.

✗ There are no known gaps in the data or if there are gaps (for example: non-responses, missing records, data not collected), they have been identified in caveats attached to the dataset.

ℹ Find out more about the quality assurance processes from the NSW Government Standard for Data Quality Reporting. https://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/ict/resources/data-quality-standard

COHERENCE

Excellent ★

✔ Standard definitions, common concepts, classifications and data recording practices have been used.
✔ Elements within the data can be meaningfully compared.
✔ This data is generally consistent with similar or related data sources from the same discipline
✔ The data can be analysed over time (for example, there have not been any significant changes in the way items are defined, classified or counted over time).
✔ The data does not form part of a collection or, if it is the latest in a series of data releases, there have not been any changes in methodology or external impacts since the last data release.

INTERPRETABILITY

Good ☆

✔ A data dictionary is available to explain the meaning of data elements, their origin, format and relationships
✔ Information is available about the primary data sources and methods of data collection (e.g. instruments, forms, instructions).
✔ Information is available to help users evaluate the accuracy of the data and any level of error

✗ Information is available to explain concepts, help users correctly interpret the data and understand how it can be used
✗ Information is available to explain ambiguous or technical terms used in the data

ℹ Find out more about the data dictionary from the Custodian (contact details below).
ℹ Find out more about the primary data sources and methods of data collection from the Custodian (contact details below).
ℹ Find out more about concepts used in this dataset and how to understand or interpret the data from the Custodian (contact details below).
ℹ Find out more about ambiguous or technical terms used in the data from the Custodian (contact details below).

ACCESSIBILITY

Good ☆

✔ Data is available in machine-processable, structured form (e.g. CSV format instead of an image scan of a table)
✔ Data is available in a non-proprietary format (e.g. CSV, XML)
✔ Data is linked to other data, to provide context (e.g. employee ID is linked to employee name or species name is linked to genus)

✗ Data is available online with an open licence
✗ Data is described using open standards that facilitates interoperability & data exchange (e.g. RDF, SPARQL) and persistent identifiers (a long lasting reference like Digital Object Identifiers)

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Understanding the Data Quality Statement

The data quality statement aims to help you understand how a particular dataset could be used and whether it can be compared with other, similar datasets. It provides a description of the characteristics of the data to help you decide whether the data will be fit for your specific purpose.

About the quality rating:

The reporting questionnaire asks five questions for each of these data quality dimensions:

- Institutional Environment
- Accuracy
- Coherence
- Interpretability
- Accessibility

For each question: “yes” = 1 point; “no” = 0 points
The number of points determines the Quality Level for each dimension (high, medium, low).
Only dimensions with four or five points receive a star.

Points	Quality Level	Star / No Star
0	Poor	No Star
1	Poor	No Star
2	Fair	No Star
3	Good	No Star
4	Very Good	Star
5	Excellent	Star

Evaluating data quality

Quality relates to the data’s “fitness for purpose”. Users can make different assessments about the dataquality of the same data, depending on their “purpose” or the way they plan to use the data.
The following questions may help you evaluate data quality for your requirements. This list is not exhaustive.Generate your own questions to assess data quality according to your specific needs and environment.

- What was the primary purpose or aim for collecting the data?
- How well does the coverage (and exclusions) match your needs?
- How useful are these data at small levels of geography?
- Does the population presented by the data match your needs?
- To what extent does the method of data collection seem appropriate for the information being gathered?
- Have standard classifications (eg industry or occupation classifications) been used in the collection of the data?If not, why? Does this affect the ability to compare or bring together data from different sources?
- Have rates and percentages been calculated consistently throughout the data?
- Is there a time difference between your reference period, and the reference period of the data?
- What is the gap of time between the reference period (when the data were collected) and the release date of thedata?
- Will there be subsequent surveys or data collection exercises for this topic?
- Are there likely to be updates or revisions to the data after official release?