

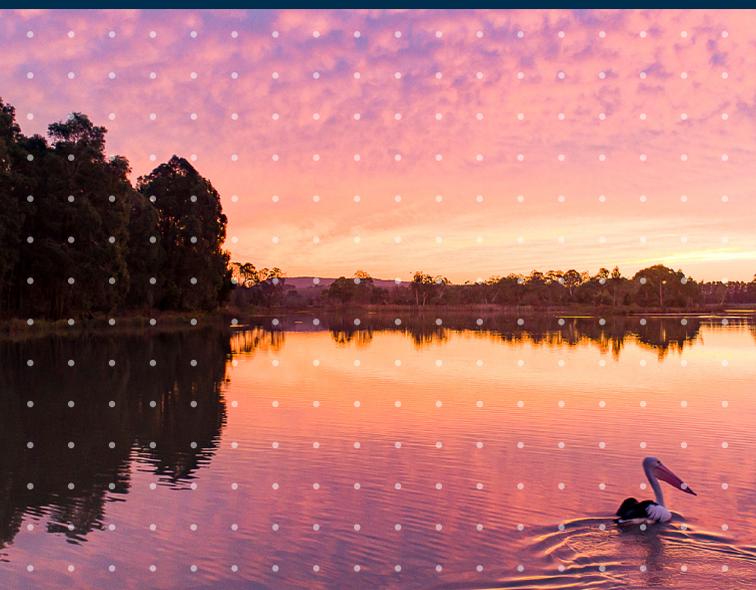


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Environment Protection Authority

Who we are What we do

We protect the community and our environment



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As a leader

We lead in protecting our air, waterways, land and the health of the community for the future.



Our **Return and Earn** container deposit scheme is the largest litter-reduction initiative in NSW.



We use state-of-the-art technology, including surveillance, to reduce illegal dumping and track hazardous waste.



We've introduced some of the toughest standards in the world for fine-particle air pollution.

As a partner

We work with communities, government and business to reduce our impact on the environment.



We rely on the community to keep reporting pollution and environmental incidents to our 24/7 statewide **Environment Line** so we can take rapid action.



More than 120 of our staff were deployed to assist with the state's bushfire response and recovery effort. We provided environmental oversight of the government-funded clean-up of around 3,500 fire-affected properties, including assessing risks of exposure to asbestos or other contaminants.



We are partnering with councils and the community to make the Parramatta River swimmable again by 2025.



As a protector

We hold people and organisations to account through licensing, monitoring, regulation and enforcement.



We ensure that polluters pay to clean up their spills and emissions. Our penalties, legal and corrective actions total millions of dollars each year.



We receive thousands of reports from the public about pollution and illegal dumping via the **Report to EPA** online portal.



We directed the removal of 214 tonnes of fine coal particles from the Wollangambe River within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, following the collapse of a mine wall at Centennial Coal's Clarence Colliery, and we prosecuted the mine owner.





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Play your part

The community plays an essential part in preventing environmental harm and protecting human health. You can help by:

- reporting air, water, or noise pollution, or other environmental incidents to the 24/7 **Environment Line** on 131 555
- reporting littering from cars, illegal dumping, and noisy or smoky vehicles through **Report to EPA** on our website
- participating in the litter reduction and recycling programs **Hey Tosser!** and **Return and Earn**
- disposing of your household chemicals safely at a **Household Chemical CleanOut**. To find a pop-up or permanent centre in your area, contact your local council or go to epa.nsw.gov.au
- reducing your household food waste by shopping to a list, storing food correctly and using leftovers. Learn other tips and tricks through our **Love Food Hate Waste** program
- informing decision-makers by taking part in public consultations, public forums or committee meetings
- working with your local council on local environmental issues such as odour or noise complaints, recycling, illegal dumping and waste-management strategies.



Working with business

We work with businesses to make sure their activities reduce harm to the environment and human health by:

- issuing environment protection licences to regulate activities
- responding to and managing pollution incidents
- delivering education programs
- supporting activities that protect the environment with grants and sponsorships.



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Find out more and stay connected

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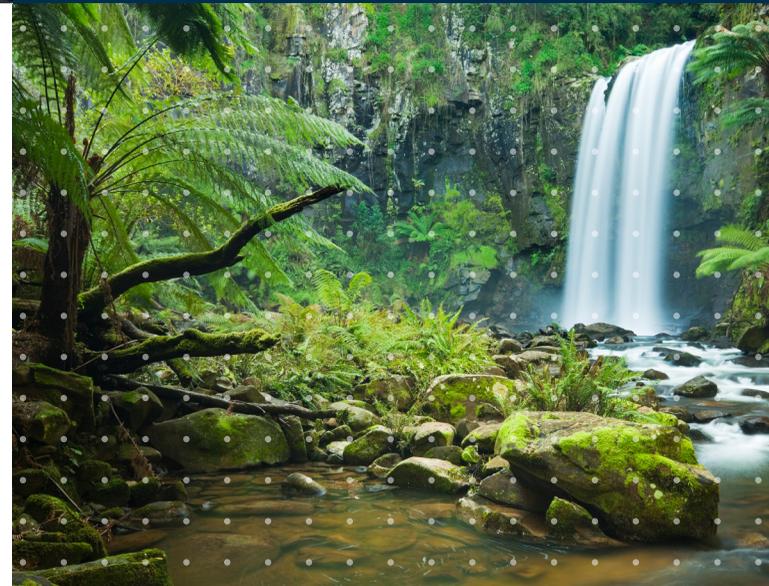
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Speak and listen users call 1300 555 727
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About the NSW EPA

As the primary environmental regulator for the state, the NSW Environment Protection Authority works with business, government and the community to protect human health and prevent environmental degradation. We do this by being a leader, a partner and a protector.



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