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a part

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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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.



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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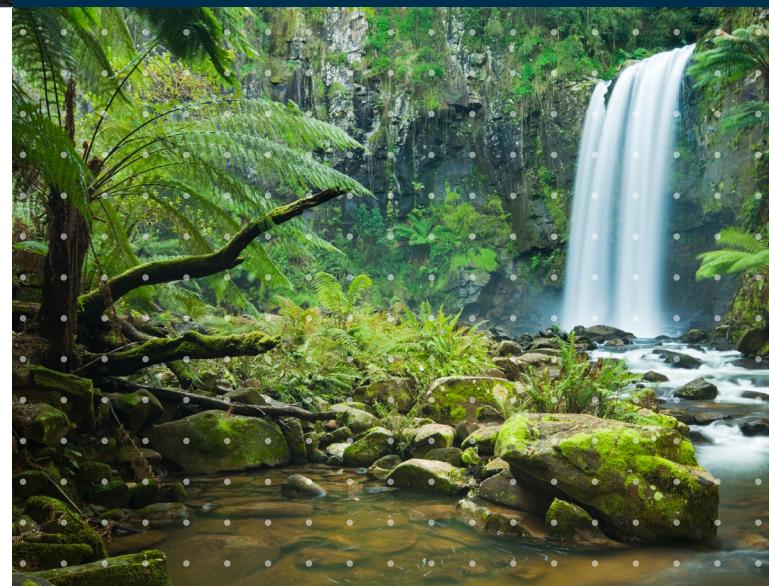
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