

Environmental Strategy

2021 – 2025



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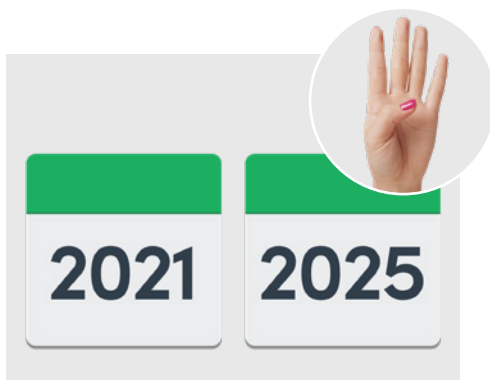


This is the environmental strategy for the City of Sydney.



The **environmental strategy** is a plan for what we will do to look after the environment.

Environment means the world around us.



This environmental strategy is for 4 years.

It goes from 2021-2025.



The City of Sydney Council made this plan.

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A message from the Lord Mayor



Welcome to the City of Sydney
Environmental Strategy.

**Sydney works hard to look after
the environment.**

The City of Sydney does things like

- Use renewable energy
- Save water
- Recycle paper and plastic
- Plant trees

To stop global heating and make the
environment better we want to work with

- The local community
- First nations communities
- Other cities
- The government
- Businesses

**Together we can make things better for
our environment.**

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor

Caring for country



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people took care of this land and the plants and animals that live here for thousands of years.



They kept the land and water healthy.



They looked after their bodies and minds to make sure they are healthy too.

This is called **caring for country**.



The local community is worried about the problems we face because of climate change.

They have told this to the City of Sydney.



It is important to work together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We can all learn a lot from them about caring for country.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People believe if we live in the city we can still be caring for country.

Sustainable land management is one important way to do this.



Sustainable land management means caring for land in a city environment.



We can work together as a community to look after people and the environment.

Why we need to look after the environment



We need to look after the environment better because of global heating.



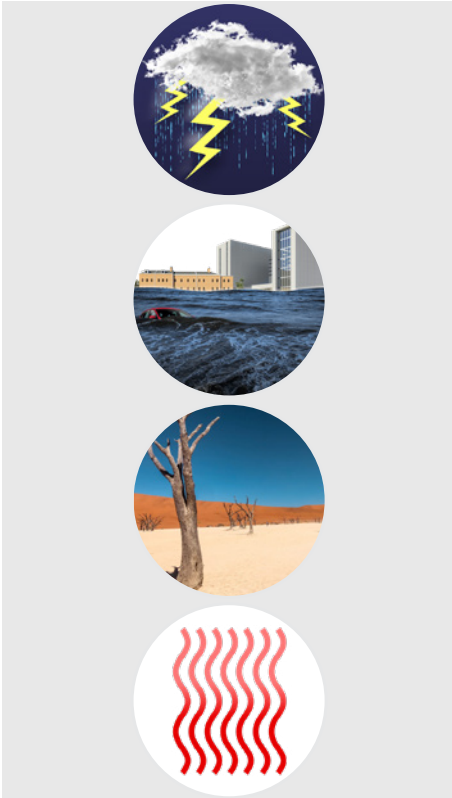
Global heating means the world is getting hotter.



When the world gets hotter the weather changes.



Australia gets hotter faster than other countries.



We will have more dangerous weather like

- Storms
- Floods
- Droughts
- Heat waves



Dangerous weather could be bad for many people, animals and plants.



We asked lots of people in Sydney what we should do about global heating.



They gave us many good ideas.

We used these ideas for our environmental strategy.

Our goals



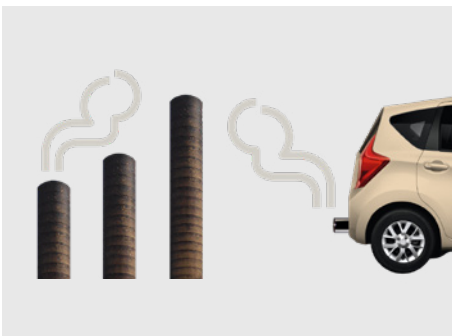
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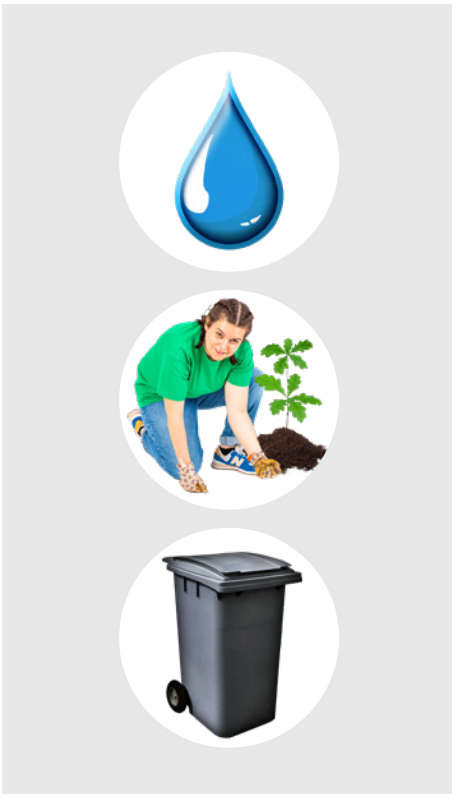
Greenhouse gas emissions are gases that cause global heating.



Greenhouse gas emissions come from us burning things like coal or petrol.



This could be power plants that burn coal to make things or cars that use petrol to drive.



Our other goals are to do things like

- Save more water
- Plant more trees
- Make less rubbish



To get to our goals we came up with 4 areas.

The **areas** say what we will do to get to our goals.

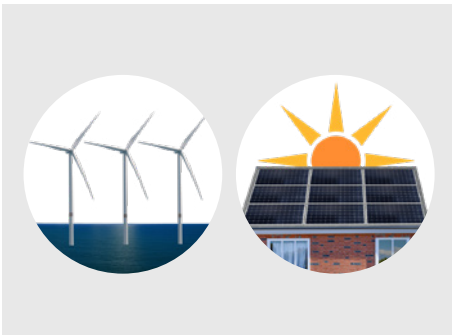


We will talk about each area.

What the council does



We want to run our city in a way that is good for the environment.



All of the electricity the council uses comes from the wind or the sun.

This is called **renewable energy**.



Renewable energy is good because it does not make greenhouse gas emissions.



We also want to

- Use less energy
- Use water in a better way
- Recycle more
- Reduce waste



We will make sure that we do not spend money on things that are bad for the environment.



We will make sure we use water in a better way to keep our parks green.



Sydney can get very hot.



Cool and green places like parks are important to make sure that people stay well and healthy.

Make buildings and transport better

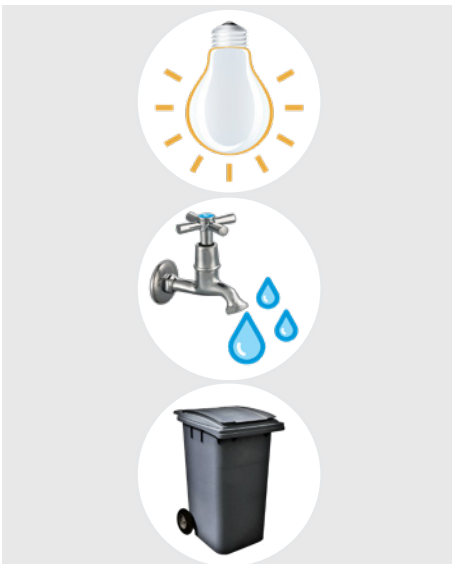


We want to work with

- Other government groups
- Businesses
- People who own a building for business or home



We want to work together to make buildings and transport better for the environment.



This is so that everyone can

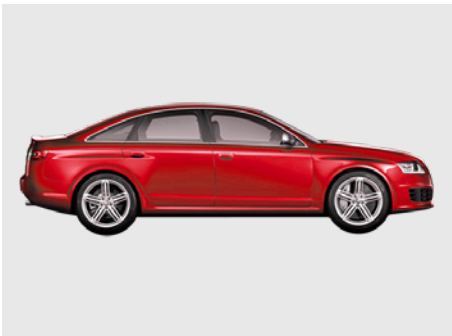
- Use less energy
- Use less water
- Make less waste



We will support everyone to use renewable energy.



Lots of cars use petrol for driving which is bad for the environment.



We want people to use these cars less.



We will support a change to electric buses for the City of Sydney.



We will make it easier for people to

- Walk more
- Cycle more
- Use buses and trains

Work together for a healthy environment



We must work together to look after the environment.



We want to work with

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- People with disability
- People who rent their homes
- People who do not make a lot of money



Everyone should have their say about what we can do for the environment.

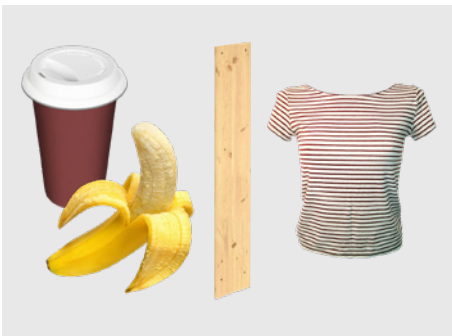
We can learn from each other.



We want to make sure everyone in the community will be okay in big weather events like when it gets very hot.



We want to make sure everyone in the community has equal access to renewable energy and homes that are strong.



We want to support ideas that help us stop wasting things like

- Food
- Things used for building
- Clothes



We want to work with businesses to help stop pollution and waste getting in to water on land, in rivers or in the harbour.



We want to help people and businesses use more recycled water for things like watering gardens, for cleaning and for flushing toilets.



We want to help people and businesses to use less drinking water, so that there is enough for everyone, even if there is a drought.

Have a strong team



We want to have a team at City of Sydney that works together to help stop global heating.



Our workers need to keep learning from people who know a lot about the environment so they know how to look after it in the best way.



We will think about the environment when we make important decisions about our city.



We will use our money well to make sure we can get to our goals.



We will tell the community about the things we do for the environment.



We will tell the community how we reach our goals.



We will ask the community to tell us about the environmental action they are taking.

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