







Greening our city

Secretaries' Pledge

NSW Government agencies are making a collaborative commitment to deliver the Greening our City Premier's Priority. This pledge represents the collective support and buy-in from Cluster Secretaries across government.

As leaders of service delivery agencies with the state's biggest employer, we have a unique opportunity to contribute to the ongoing expansion of tree canopy and green cover in NSW.

We recognise the importance of tree canopy and green cover in NSW and commit to:

-  Support our staff to plant and register trees by sponsoring tree planting events, providing nursery vouchers as prizes or awards, and other activities identified by our Departments
-  Record all trees planted by projects led by our Departments in Greater Sydney and report on all new plantings every six months
-  Promote opportunities for participation in tree planting events, such as National Tree Day
-  Identify Department-specific projects that can contribute to the expansion of tree canopy and green cover

Department of Premier and Cabinet
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Department of Education
Department of Communities and Justice
NSW Treasury
Transport for NSW
NSW Health
Department of Customer Service





The Department of Premier and Cabinet

- Coordinate and monitor tree registrations by government agencies.
- Increase canopy cover in Greater Sydney by planting trees on museum sites while maintaining local heritage and the museum's sense of place.

The Department of Education

- Boost tree canopy and green cover levels at NSW schools through strategic and safe planting.
- Champion the role of trees and shade in creating positive learning environments for students and teachers.

NSW Treasury

- Assess and map the carbon footprint of NSW Treasury.
- Progress the Green Valuation Project for cost-benefit analysis.
- Greening infrastructure and precincts by supporting green design and buildings.

The Department of Customer Service

- Promote urban greening opportunities, including around National Tree Day, on NSW Government platforms and via social media.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

- Prepare a new Design and Place SEPP that embeds principles that recognise the value of tree canopy and green cover.
- Deliver demonstration site/s on Government owned land that will be improved through tree planting and other greening activities.

The Department of Communities and Justice

- Create opportunities for tree planting and green cover initiatives that create inmate training and qualification opportunities.

Transport for NSW

- Apply a design-led approach to safely integrating trees and green space on projects.
- Help deliver Future Transport's Successful Places Goal by recognising the value of tree canopy and green open space in NSW and on the transport network.

NSW Health

- Liverpool Hospital redevelopment to result in an increase in canopy cover of 200% by 2030.
- The Cancer Institute NSW's Shade Benchmarking Project to assess shade and tree canopy cover at playgrounds across NSW.
- Fairfield Hospital greening project.

