

Attachment B

Environmental Sustainability Policy Objectives Comparison

Environmental Sustainability Policy Objectives within City Of Sydney Strategic Documents

The following strategies contain clear statements on the City of Sydney's environmental sustainability objectives, with relevant directives and actions to implement those objectives.

Relevant strategies released or updated since 2021

Access strategy and action plan	November 2023
'A City for Walking' strategy and action plan	September 2024
Cycling strategy and action plan	April 2022
Electrification of transport in the city strategy and action plan	August 2023
Community strategic plan	July 2025
Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035	January 2025
Environmental strategy 2025-2030	July 2025
Greening Sydney strategy	July 2021
Street tree master plan 2023	July 2023
Resilience strategy 2023-2028	November 2023
Sustainable Sydney 2030–2050 Continuing the Vision	April 2023
Waste Reduction and Circular Materials strategy 2026-2035	Due February 2026

Environmental Sustainability Policy – Alignment with Strategic Documents

The following table sets out how each clause in the Environmental Sustainability Policy 2021 is now contained in relevant strategies and policies.

Policy text	Covered by
Purpose We respond to the climate emergency by taking bold steps to reduce our environmental footprint and promote an ethical and equitable transition to a zero-carbon and regenerative economy. We plan for the sustainable growth of our city. We promote the move to clean energy and transport and reduce resource consumption in an equitable and inclusive way with no-one being left behind or bearing an unfair burden because of long-term structural change to jobs and industries. This policy supports the implementation of the forthcoming Environmental Strategy 2021-2025.	Strategies in the above list.
Policy statement We respond to the climate emergency within our own operations by:	
ensuring City actions are inclusive, ethical and equitable in the transition to a zero-carbon and regenerative economy	Environmental strategy 2025-2030 Access strategy and action plan and associated strategies
working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups and investing in knowledge and practices that restore natural equilibrium by caring for Country	First Nations Strategic Framework Environmental strategy 2025-2030
integrating climate emergency assessment into our decision making to build resilience into our functions, activities and asset management	Resilience strategy 2023-2028 Asset management policy Investment policy

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• minimising environmental lifecycle impacts through procurement including prioritising low or zero carbon products, services and assets	Sustainable procurement policy (Administrative policy) Asset management policy
• ongoing commitment to remain a carbon neutral organisation certified by the Climate Active program	Environmental strategy 2025-2030
• ensuring everyone who works for or with the City has a strong awareness of this policy and are empowered to act on these commitments.	Not Applicable
We embed climate emergency principles into our engagement with our community and our stewardship of our local area by:	
• committing to a water sensitive city by increasing the use of recycled water, managing potable water use, improving the quality of waterways and reducing local flood risk	Environmental strategy 2025-2030 Sydney Local Environment Plan 2012 Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Asset management policy
• championing a circular economy to eliminate waste, minimise raw material use and treat waste as a valuable resource to regenerate natural systems	Waste Reduction and Circular Materials strategy 2026-2035 Asset management policy Event guidelines Merchandise policy (Administrative policy)
• reducing emissions by changing the way people travel, with less private vehicle travel and more use of walking, bicycle riding, public transport and ride share. We also promote and facilitate zero emissions transport	Access strategy and action plan and associated strategic action plans
• increasing canopy cover on public and private land to enhance greening and urban cooling	Greening Sydney Strategy and associated plans and policies
• improving the city's urban ecological value by preserving and reinstating Indigenous plants and promoting biodiversity	Urban ecology strategic action plan
• respecting and caring for the natural environment, taking a no harm approach that ensures compliance with legislative requirements, demonstrates best practice and continual improvement of environmental performance	Weeds management policy Contaminated lands policy Compliance obligations policy (Administrative policy) Risk appetite statement Asset management policy
• communicating the latest reliable climate science and projections, being transparent about our environmental performance and sharing our successes to demonstrate environmental leadership	Green report Delivery program progress reports, an IP&R requirement
• partner with our communities, businesses, state and federal government agencies to take positive climate action.	Grants and sponsorships policy Community gardens policy Investment policy Event Guidelines