

Our Vision:

A healthy catchment that delivers safe, clean water through world class source water protection and shared responsibility across the community.

Over the past 20 years, WaterNSW has developed a strong scientific knowledge and understanding of water quality risks in Sydney drinking water catchment. Based on this foundation WaterNSW has established a set of six key priorities for source water protection over the next 20 years.

Source Water Protection Strategy 2040

Sydney Catchment area

01

Creating water sensitive towns

Partnerships that improve urban water practices, towards near natural stream hydrology.

02

Ensuring water quality compatible development

Contemporary standards and practices that ensure new development has a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality.

03

Integrating water quality policy and practice

Planning instruments, policies, strategies, standards, and guidelines to protect infrastructure and water quality.

04

Increasing regenerative agriculture

Improved farming practices, waterway conditions, and water quality in creeks and rivers.

05

Fulfilling land management responsibilities

Strategic planning, partnerships, and daily operations that respond to water quality risks, particularly from fire, recreation, access, pests, and weeds.

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Enforcing catchment protection laws

Compliance activities and a visible presence as a deterrent to illegal and unauthorised activities to protect long term water quality.