



## AdaptNSW Newsletter - April 2020

Welcome to 2020. The AdaptNSW team hope you have all come through the summer safely. It will be a year of rebuilding for many, and we hope the information communicated through this newsletter and the AdaptNSW website may assist in this effort and increase resilience for the future.

The global situation regarding COVID-19 continues to evolve quickly. Like many, we have shifted to online engagement and are continuing to deliver under this new way of working.

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### AdaptNSW website redevelopment

The [AdaptNSW website](#) is the department's primary means of delivering climate change information to the NSW public. Since its launch in 2014, AdaptNSW has been successful in delivering climate change information, tools and resources.

#### **We need YOU**

We're redesigning our website and need our users to guide us. Yep, that means you!

#### **How it works**

We've set up an interactive survey called a Treejack test. You'll be provided with 10 questions, putting you in the shoes of our diverse users. We'll give you a task and then we'll ask you to find where the answer would exist on our site. Easy right?

#### **10 minutes is all it takes**

That's all it will take to help us with our redesign work. So

if you've got 10 minutes up your sleeve we'd appreciate your input.

**Help us by joining the interactive survey below!**

Treejack test:

<https://18026yyb.optimalworkshop.com/treejack/wd308wz4>

If you'd like to stay involved by helping us test future state designs, [please let us know](#).

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## **Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030**

On March 14th Minister Kean announced the *NSW Net Zero Plan: Stage 1 2020 – 2030*. The Plan is the foundation for NSW's action on climate change and goal to reach net zero emissions by 2050. It outlines the NSW Government's plan to grow the economy, create jobs and reduce emissions over the next decade.

The Plan aims to enhance the prosperity and quality of life of the people of NSW, while helping the state to deliver a 35% cut in emissions by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. DPIE is now moving into the program design phase to ensure the Plan is delivered in a way which achieves our emissions reduction goals and centres on the needs of our customers. We are working on a diverse suite of activities, including energy efficiency, electric vehicles, emissions intensity reduction, primary industries and clean technology. It is great to have the Plan announced and we are looking forward to having significant impact over the next 10 years.

The full Plan can be read here:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/climate-change/net-zero-plan>

## **Australia's ferocious summer, impacts and responses**



## Record breaking summer

BoM released a special [climate statement \(PDF 1.6MB\)](#) for the summer 2019-2020, identifying some of the records that have been set in what has been an extraordinary summer.

[READ MORE >](#)



## Bushfire recovery grants

The Funding Centre has collated a comprehensive list of bushfire recovery support grants, see:

<https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/bushfire-relief-grants/>.

[SEE GRANT LIST >](#)

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## Developing koala revegetation plans

In March, DPIE ran a workshop for Landcare network members and private landowners from the Richmond Catchment to develop a climate-ready seed sourcing strategy as part of the NSW Climate-Ready Revegetation Program.

With the intention of working to secure future food supplies of the iconic Koala populations of the north coast, Landcarers and community partners came together to plan for planting local native species identified as koala food trees.

The [Climate-Ready Revegetation Guide \(PDF 2.6MB\)](#) was used to develop a climate-ready seed sourcing strategy, identifying populations across NSW and Queensland that could be used to increase the ability of the species to survive climate change.

The seed sourcing strategy was then used to develop the planting design on the properties. The design will enable government to determine the success of the project, with the landholders monitoring the survival of the trees for indication of success.

If you would like to learn more about the Climate-Ready Revegetation Program, or have an upcoming revegetation project that you would be interested in using climate-ready seed sourcing, please contact Isobel Cummings: [isobel.cummings@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:isobel.cummings@environment.nsw.gov.au)



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## Local Government resilience in NSW

Climate change has the potential to damage council assets, cause serious disruptions to service delivery, generate unbudgeted financial impacts and affect the wellbeing of the community, particularly those vulnerable to weather extremes.

Check out some of the fantastic projects undertaken by NSW councils to adapt to the impacts of climate change as part of the Building Resilience to Climate Change grant program (a precursor to the Increasing Resilience to Climate Change grants). These case studies are being developed under our partnership program with LGNSW to address identified climate change risks and vulnerabilities facing NSW councils. This short and inspiring video gives a taste of how three NSW LGAs are implementing projects to mitigate climate impacts and benefit their communities.

[Watch video](#)



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## Inner-west green cover

The Inner West Council has developed the [Green Roofs, Walls and Facades Technical Guidelines for the Inner West](#).

The guidelines provide technical advice to support the installation of green roofs, walls and facades. It gives an overview of how to plan, design, build and maintain green roofs, walls and facades.

Council has prepared the Green Roofs, Walls and Facades Technical Guidelines and also a Design and Documentation Checklist to help during the design process.

The guide builds on a range of plans, policies and guidelines including our Technical Guidelines for Urban Green Cover in NSW. You can find out more about green cover more generally in [NSW here](#).



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