

## Valuing natural assets

Over **650,000 ha** secured for addition to the national park estate, including **30,000 ha** for the Gardens of Stone reserves



Secured the largest ever investment in national park visitor infrastructure - over **\$450 million** in 2019-23 for more than 200 projects, including 10 Great Walks



Saved the only known population of the critically endangered **Wollemi pine** tree during the 2019-20 bushfires



Declared **279 critical habitat sites** as Assets of Intergenerational Significance for 108 key threatened species



Implemented the largest **rodent eradication project** on any inhabited island in the world on Lord Howe Island



Almost **1/3** of the national park estate under a form of Aboriginal joint management



Over **60 million** domestic national park visits annually, including **678,000** visitors staying overnight in 2021



First national park agency in Australia to commit to a **zero extinctions** target



Delivered the largest **feral animal control program** in national park history, with **70,000** feral animals removed in the last 2 years



**70,000 ha** of semi-permanent wetlands at Narriearra Carypundy Swamp National Park listed under the Ramsar Convention



Delivered **\$30 million** of upgrades and maintenance to 618km of national park fire trails and 20 bridges in 2020-21



Delivering **8** feral-predator free areas, returning **10** locally extinct mammals to date



First national park agency in Australia to commit to being **carbon positive** by 2028



Launched the new National Park **Eco-Health** Scorecard to monitor key ecological indicators



## Protecting biodiversity

Established the Biodiversity Conservation Trust, facilitating **195,000 ha** of conservation area and 2,180 private land conservation agreements



Became the first Australian jurisdiction to legislate for **Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity Value**



Released the NSW **Koala Strategy** in 2021, investing over \$190 million over 5 years, to build on the previous koala strategy and investment of over \$44 million in 2018-21



Committed **\$175 million** to the **Saving our Species** program from 2016 to 2026, to maximise the number of threatened species that are secure in the wild



Established a state-wide biodiversity credit market, including **\$526 million** in sales of biodiversity credits between 2011 and 2021



Introduced a new PNF Koala Prescription Map to deliver koala protections in **2.8 million ha** of high value habitat



Released the **Marine Estate Management Strategy** to improve water quality, reduce litter, and improve outcomes for marine mammals



Taronga Sydney and Western Plains Zoos received over **15 million** visitors, inspiring communities to take action for a future where both people and wildlife thrive



The zoos released their **50,000th** threatened animal back into the wild, including the Regent Honeyeater and Greater Bilby



## Enhancing the environment

Established the **Return and Earn** container deposit scheme, which has collected more than **7.5 billion** containers in 4 years, recycled more than 710,000 tonnes of material, and reduced drink container litter by 52%



Delivered the **NSW Bushfire Risk Management Research Hub**



Developed the **Fire Extent and Severity Mapping** tool, to help guide on-ground responses to bushfires by providing improved bushfire data



Established a **cultural science** team which incorporates Aboriginal approaches into landscape management and research



Delivered **10,000 GL** of water for the environment since the 2012 Basin Plan, equivalent to 20 Sydney Harbours



Completed **726** environment protection prosecutions in the last 10 years



**Banned PFAS** firefighting foam



Supported **750 local council flood projects** under the Floodplain Management Program in 2012-22



Tripled the size of the **NSW Air Quality Monitoring Network** from 30 permanent sites to nearly 100



Provided important data to NSW citizens about water quality at key swim sites through the **Beachwatch** program and extended the program to inland communities



Invested **\$802 million** in 2,900 projects under Waste Less, Recycle More since 2012 and **\$356 million** to be invested under the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy from July 2022



Supported **2.7 million tonnes** of additional recycling capacity and 70 new recycling facilities



Closed **57** high-risk landfills



Released the **NSW Clean Air Strategy 2021-30**



Delivered greenhouse gas emissions modelling to support the NSW Net Zero Plan, and its emissions reduction target of **50% below 2005 levels by 2030**



Developed a **Biodiversity Indicator Program** to assess the status of biodiversity across the state



Converted **37,000** small businesses to better recycling, saving money and diverting 48,500 tonnes of waste from landfill, through the Business Recycling Program



Opened **96 community recycling centres** with councils to collect 13,205 tonnes of problem wastes



Re-established an **independent EPA** as a tough environmental regulator



Introduced ban on single-use **plastic bags** and certain single-use plastics



## Heritage and culture

Added **206 items** to the State Heritage Register since 2011 (totalling 1,759 items) to recognise their value to the history of NSW



Awarded 1,753 grants since 2011 valuing **\$53 million** to enhance our State's heritage assets



Declared **69** Aboriginal Places since 2011, for a total of 141 current declared places



**21** Blue Plaques announced as part of a \$5 million program, to showcase and recognise key heritage assets in NSW



Facilitated **501** repatriations of Aboriginal ancestral remains since 2011



Facilitated a suite of significant heritage activation projects, including:

- Railway Institute Building in Bathurst
- Malachi Gilmore Memorial Hall in Oberon

