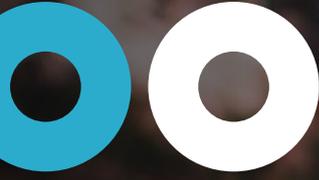


Your guide to the

Aerotropolis Integrated Stormwater Schemes



Acknowledgement of Country

Sydney Water respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which we work, live and learn. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

A central part of Country in this area is Wianamatta meaning 'Mother's Place'. Wianamatta, otherwise known as South Creek, is a complex water system that travels from Dharawal Country in the south, through Dharug Country in the Aerotropolis to the north. It is made of an interconnected network of ephemeral creeks and resource rich, swampy Country, also known as wetlands.

Through impacts of colonisation and agricultural land use, these water systems have been fragmented and damaged. As the future of Aerotropolis changes, it is vital we commit to healing and revitalising water on Country.



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About the schemes

The Aerotropolis is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a thriving, sustainable city.

As the Regional Stormwater Authority for the Aerotropolis, including the Mamre Road Precinct, Sydney Water is responsible for delivering, managing, and maintaining the regional stormwater network on behalf of the NSW Government. Separately, we're working to deliver drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water services.

Building stormwater infrastructure will require significant investment over the coming decades. To keep pace with development, we will build our stormwater infrastructure in stages between now and 2056.

This document gives an overview of Sydney Water's role as Regional Stormwater Authority, the planning process, and how taking a holistic approach to managing water in the landscape will contribute to a greener, more liveable Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Key facts about stormwater in the Aerotropolis



The Wianamatta Badgerys, Cosgroves and Duncans Mulgoa schemes service around 5650 hectares supporting a developable area of around 2944 hectares.



Recognising Country. Managing waterways and drainage lines means caring for Country. Many waterways in Western Sydney have been in private ownership since the late 1700s. Sydney Water is working with Traditional Custodians on management partnerships.



Meeting customer expectations of waterway health. The schemes protect waterways, which includes valued local species, recreation and downstream commercial fisheries. Waterway health is a high priority for our customers.



New supply of water secured from within the city. The schemes are projected to harvest 9.4GL/yr of harvested stormwater and an additional 1GL/yr from recycled wastewater to contribute 10.4GL/yr of recycled water to the Aerotropolis for non-drinking water purposes.



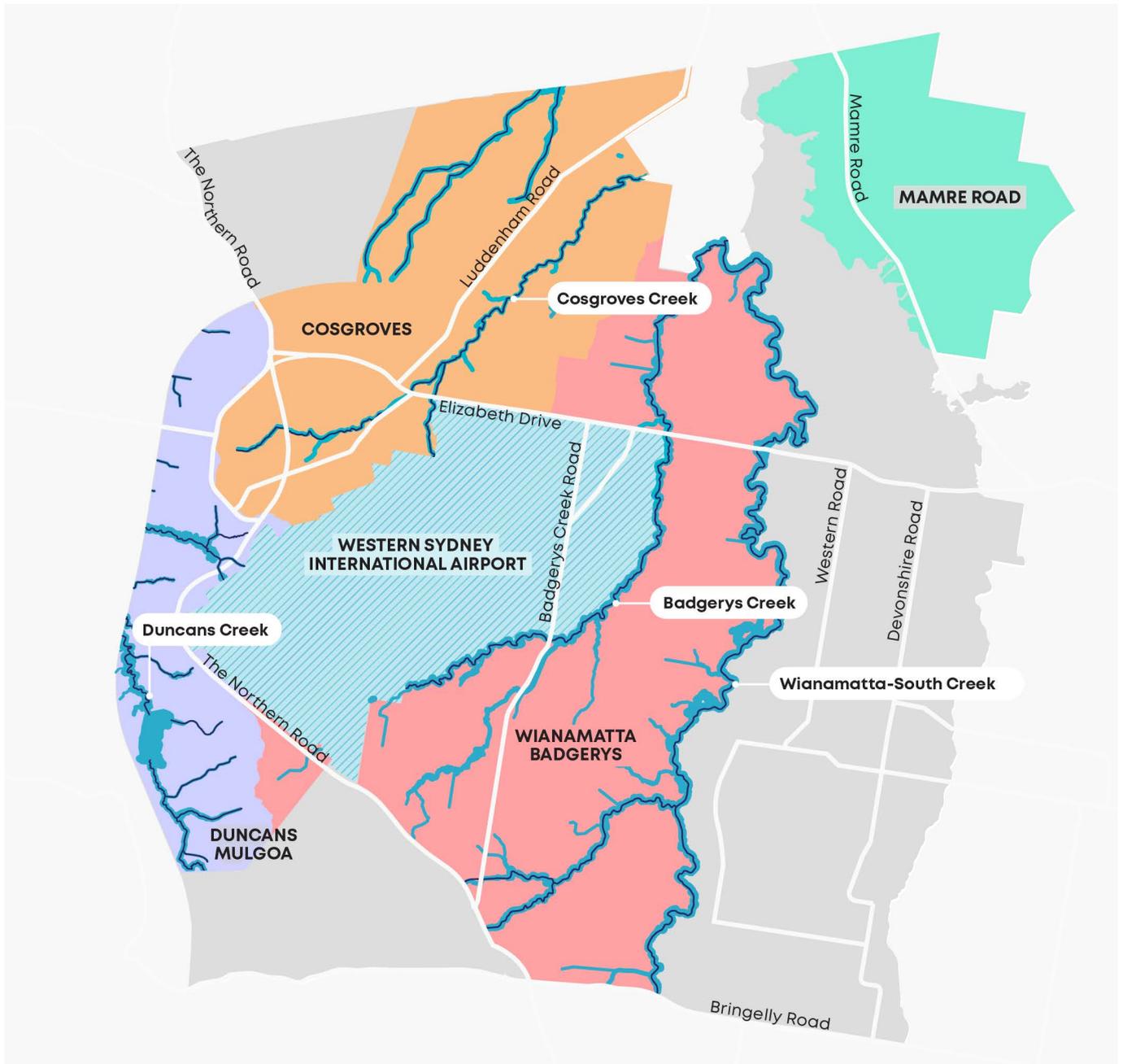
Embedding irrigation supply across new urban areas. Extreme heat conditions are projected to worsen. The schemes will provide a dedicated, climate resilient water supply for vegetation to support urban cooling strategies.



Preparing for Sydney's digital future. By providing access to cost-effective recycled water, the schemes will make the Aerotropolis a more attractive location for data centres, which need a lot of water to keep their systems cool and running efficiently.



Regional stormwater scheme areas



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|  Duncans Mulgoa Integrated Stormwater Scheme |  Western Sydney International Airport |
|  Wianamatta Badgerys Integrated Stormwater Scheme |  Waterways with riparian corridor |
|  Cosgroves Integrated Stormwater Scheme |  Aerotropolis area |
|  Mamre Road Integrated Stormwater Scheme | |

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Our approach

We're taking a holistic approach to how we manage water in the Aerotropolis, by using Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM).

IWCM coordinates and considers all elements of water management and urban planning across the scheme areas, recognising and celebrating cultural heritage, protecting waterway health, prioritising sustainable water supplies and helping to cool and green Western Sydney.

Taking this regional approach allows infrastructure to be placed efficiently in the scheme areas. It will minimise the amount of stormwater infrastructure required on development sites, ultimately maximising developable land.

The schemes have been designed in line with the Stormwater Scheme Principles, which were developed in consultation with government, industry and community. For more information on the Stormwater Scheme Principles, visit the Sydney Water resources and policies section of this document.

Recognising and celebrating Country

At the heart of the Aerotropolis is Wianamatta, Western Sydney's longest freshwater stream, located in Dharug Country. In the Dharug language, Wianamatta means 'Mother Place,' reflecting its cultural and environmental significance.

This waterway is central to the area's identity and heritage, and its preservation plays a crucial role in maintaining the natural environment and the cultural practices of the Dharug Community. If left unprotected, urban growth will degrade this vital waterway, but with the right planning and ongoing involvement from Traditional Custodians it can become one of the city's greatest assets.

Protecting waterway health

Wianamatta's ecosystems are fragile and unique, home to a range of unique species that rely on healthy waterways including populations of platypus and native fish. To protect them, we have followed the Dharug People's approach of Letting Country be Country, shaping the layout and structure of the schemes around existing waterways. Where additional treatment is required, we've prioritised natural treatment systems over concrete pipes and channels.

To make sure that the schemes are meeting environmental outcomes, we've designed the system using locally specific waterway health targets for pollutant reduction and flow. For more information on these targets, see the Sydney Water resources and policies section of this document.

Sustainable water supply

To meet the waterway health targets for Wianamatta, some of the stormwater runoff needs to be harvested for reuse.

Most stormwater schemes depend on rainfall – but in Western Sydney, where the weather is dry and droughts are becoming more frequent, we need to do things differently. Since rain isn't always reliable, the schemes will add recycled water to the system when there's not enough rainfall.

This means that even when other parts of Sydney are under drought restrictions, water supply in the Aerotropolis will be more secure. This makes it more appealing to high value industries that need a large secure water source, such as data centres.

Cooling and greening Western Sydney

In the future, Western Sydney will experience more frequent and prolonged heatwaves which will put pressure on its community, natural environment and economy. To help manage urban heat, a blue-green grid of parklands and waterways is proposed that will provide cooling and amenity to communities that live and work in the area.

To work, the blue-green grid needs a climate independent water supply to stay cool and green. The schemes, fed by stormwater and recycled wastewater will provide irrigation to parklands and street plantings throughout the Aerotropolis in the hottest and driest times when we need it the most.



Naturalised stormwater treatment is part of the scheme, managing stormwater and providing cooling, greening, habitat and community amenity.



About the stormwater infrastructure

The Aerotropolis is a chance to rethink how we manage stormwater. By consolidating infrastructure, integrating it with roads, and co-locating it with open space, we can create multi-functional areas. This decreases infrastructure costs and reduces the amount of developable land that would be required for stormwater management.

Our approach was developed with local stakeholders, Traditional Custodians, other NSW Government Agencies and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

As part of the regional approach to stormwater management, Sydney Water needs to deliver a variety of infrastructure.

Natural creeks

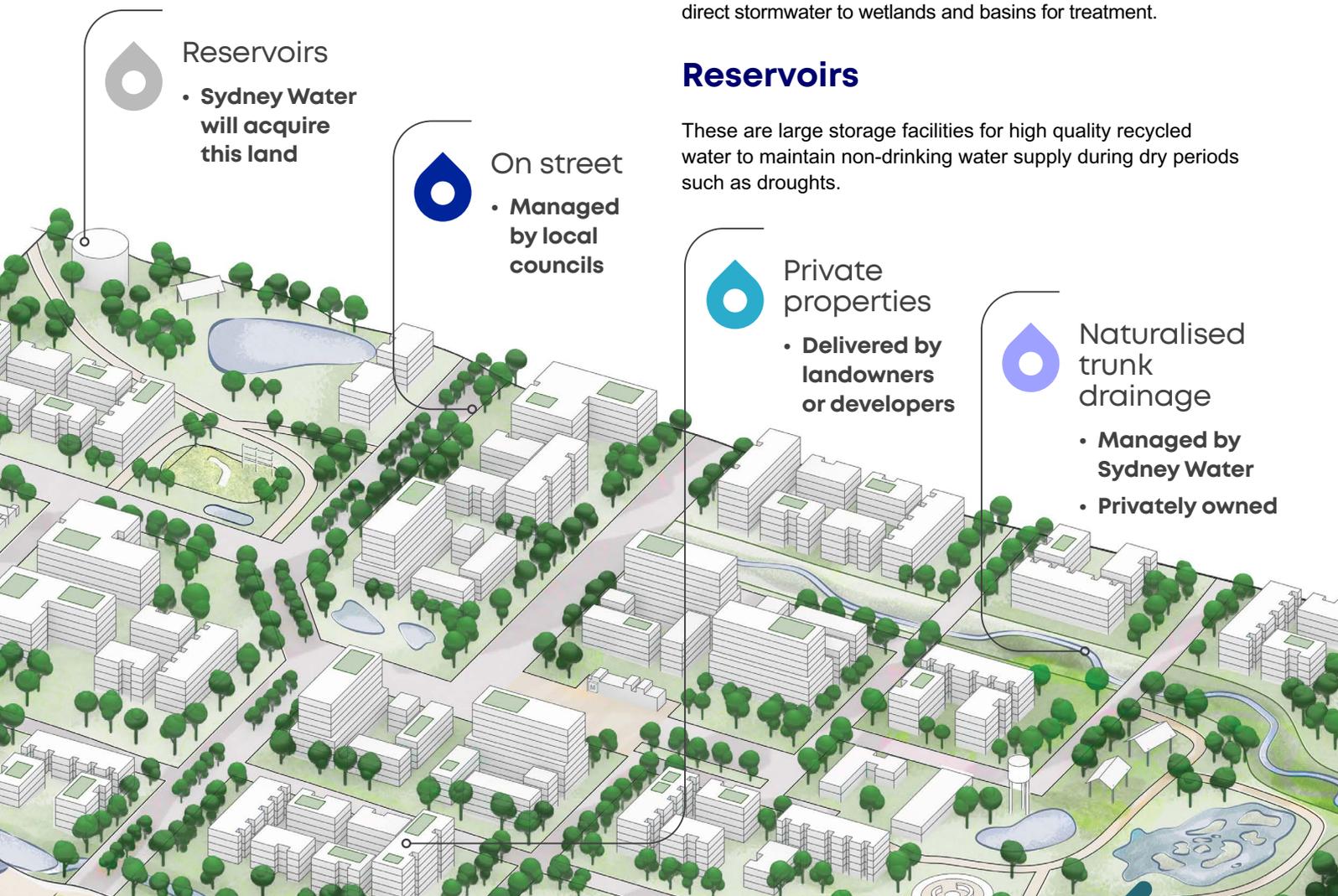
Healthy natural creeks retain water in the landscape and protect the ecological, social and cultural values in the Aerotropolis. The regional stormwater system has been designed to work with nature – using the area’s existing waterways as part of the network. Some natural creeks may need to be rehabilitated. The creeks will work alongside the other elements of the system to safely move stormwater to where it is needed.

Naturalised trunk drainage channels

Naturalised trunk drainage channels are waterways designed to replace concrete pipes and channels. They are designed to mimic the form of natural creeks, as well as creating green space and walking paths for the community. These channels direct stormwater to wetlands and basins for treatment.

Reservoirs

These are large storage facilities for high quality recycled water to maintain non-drinking water supply during dry periods such as droughts.



Wetlands and stormwater basins

Stormwater is collected as it runs off roads, rooftops and other hard surfaces and flows into naturalised trunk drainage channels and creeks.

It is then directed into stormwater basins and constructed wetlands where it is filtered, treated, and stored for reuse in irrigation, industrial processes, and other non-drinking water applications.

As well as being designed to treat stormwater, wetlands provide habitat for a wide range of animals and plants. They are also culturally significant for Aboriginal people and provide a strong connection to Country.

These will be strategically placed to efficiently manage local stormwater while avoiding high-value existing bushland and minimising potential impacts on future development.

On street measures

On public roads and streets, stormwater is managed using drains, kerbs, and pits that connect to natural channels or creeks. Street trees will be passively irrigated – where rainwater is directed to tree pits so the trees can soak it up naturally, helping to keep the street cooler and greener.

Private properties

On individual lots, basic stormwater controls like onsite detention (to slow down runoff) and gross pollutant traps (to catch litter and debris) are needed. There are minimum requirements for things like how much of the land lets water soak through (called perviousness).

Individual lots won't need rainwater tanks or bioretention systems that filter stormwater, because the regional stormwater system will do this.

Stormwater mains and pumping stations

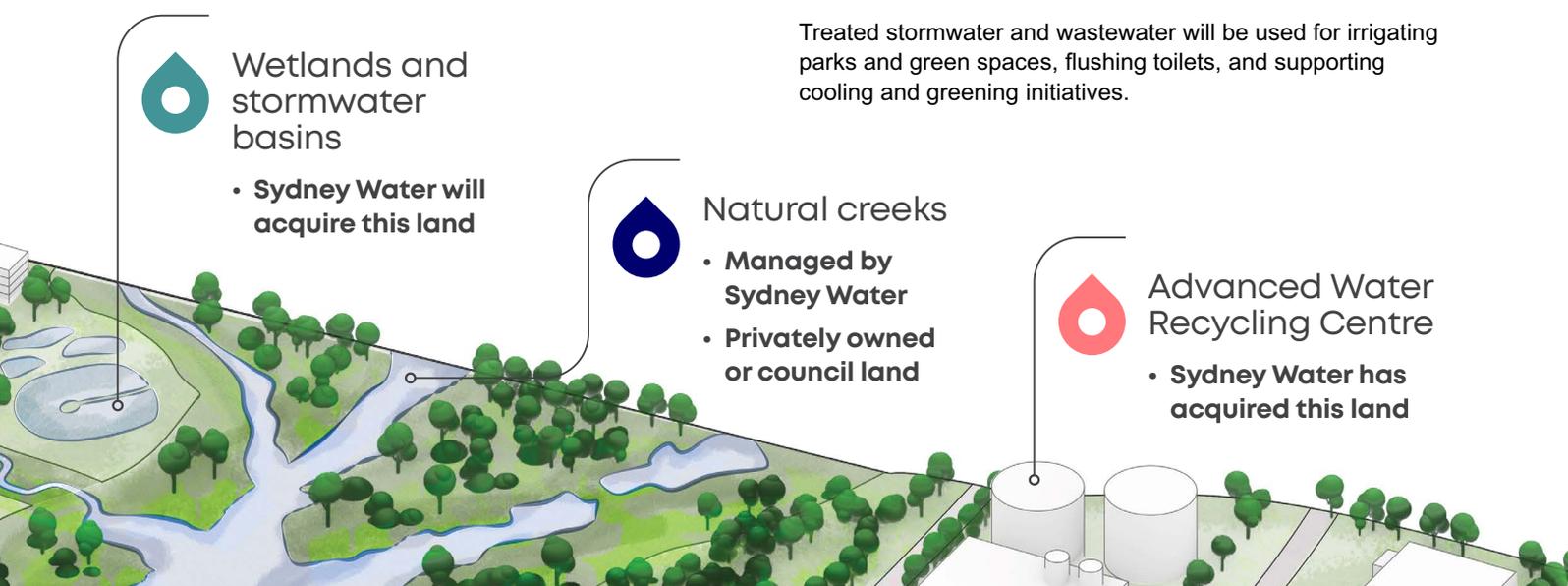
We'll still need to deliver stormwater pipelines that are fed by gravity or pumped to supply all areas within the Aerotropolis. These will connect the wetlands and stormwater basins, allowing us to move harvested stormwater to where it is needed across the Aerotropolis.

Advanced Water Recycling Centre (AWRC)

The AWRC will collect and treat wastewater to a high quality for reuse. It will also recover resources like energy and nutrients, helping the environment. During dry periods, recycled water will be used to top up the harvested stormwater supply.

Recycled water

Treated stormwater and wastewater will be used for irrigating parks and green spaces, flushing toilets, and supporting cooling and greening initiatives.



Costs and responsibilities

Land for stormwater infrastructure

The *Western Parkland City State Environmental Planning Policy 2021 (SEPP)* identifies the land required for regional stormwater infrastructure. Sydney Water will acquire parts of this land, if and when needed, in stages as development progresses.

All land acquisition will follow the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, ensuring a fair and transparent process for landowners. We're not yet in a position to speak with individual landowners about the timing of land acquisition. This will only happen once plans are finalised and funding is approved, in alignment with the Stormwater Scheme Principles.

What does this mean for landholders and developers?

The Aerotropolis Draft Integrated Stormwater Schemes outline how stormwater will be managed to support sustainable development and environmental health. If you own or develop land in the area, these schemes may affect your property.

There may be impacts to:

- **Use of private land** – some private properties may need to accommodate stormwater infrastructure, such as naturalised trunk drainage channels or wetlands. This could impact future land use—we'll reduce this as much as possible.
- **Development requirements** – Sydney Water will meet the Aerotropolis' stormwater requirements on behalf of developers. On-lot stormwater requirements will be significantly reduced, allowing greater use of developable land.
- **Opportunities for stormwater reuse** – access to stormwater harvesting infrastructure may provide cost-effective and sustainable water solutions for businesses and communities.

How will the infrastructure be delivered and funded?

Once draft scheme plans for are finalised, the next step is to draft the Development Servicing Plan (DSP).

The DSP will detail the capital and operational costs of the schemes and set the Stormwater Infrastructure Contributions amount. Private and local stormwater infrastructure will not be covered by this DSP.

Who's responsible for the infrastructure?

Once the schemes are finalised, the delivery and ongoing management of stormwater assets for the Aerotropolis will be a shared responsibility. Key roles are outlined in the following table.

Infrastructure type	Delivered by	Managed by
Private: on-lot measures such as pervious areas, gross-pollutant traps, on-site detention and on-lot drainage.	Landowner/ Developer	Landowner/ Developer
Local: street trees, street drainage and local drainage mains.	Developer or Council	Council
Regional: trunk drainage channels and wetlands, stormwater harvesting, treatment and distribution	Sydney Water or Developer	Sydney Water

Where Sydney Water's regional infrastructure is delivered by a developer, it must be delivered in accordance with our requirements and dedicated to Sydney Water once completed. Sydney Water has a Developer Works Policy that explains this clearly. For more information visit the Resources section of this document.

When will the infrastructure be built?

Regional stormwater infrastructure has been identified as part of the long-term strategy for the Aerotropolis and will be delivered gradually, to keep pace with development. We expect all infrastructure will be delivered by 2056 in a staged approach.

Maintaining infrastructure and assets

On completion, we'll establish and deliver a maintenance program for our stormwater infrastructure, as we would for any Sydney Water managed system.

Each part of the system will have different maintenance needs, following industry standards. Regular inspections will ensure everything functions properly, and major work, such as restoring wetlands, may be needed in the longer term.

Development process

1

Catchment assessment and modelling

Sydney Water identifies stormwater catchments and natural flow paths. Future land uses are used to model runoff and pollution volumes as well as future water demands. Constraints such as land use, topography and environmental values as well as scheme efficiency are considered to guide infrastructure sizing.

2

Prepare draft integrated stormwater scheme plans

A conceptual layout is developed showing the proposed infrastructure, including creeks, naturalised channels, basins, wetlands and pipework and how the scheme meets NSW Government stormwater flow and quality targets.

3

Public exhibition and consultation

The draft integrated stormwater scheme plans are placed on public exhibition. Landowners, developers, councils and community members can view the plans, ask questions and make formal submissions.

4

Refine and finalise scheme plans

Sydney Water considers all feedback and investigates where infrastructure locations can be modified without compromising technical, environmental or regulatory requirements. The refined scheme plans are finalised and published.

5

Prepare draft Development Servicing Plans (DSPs)

Using the finalised scheme plans, DSPs are prepared - these outline the capital and operational costs of the scheme and set the infrastructure contributions for developers.

6

Public exhibition and consultation

Sydney Water publicly exhibits the draft DSPs, seeking feedback from the community and other stakeholder groups in much the same way as for the draft integrated stormwater scheme plans.

7

Refine and finalise DSPs and Final Business Cases

We again consider the feedback and make changes in response to feedback if required. Once finalised, DSPs are submitted to IPART for review and registration. In parallel Final Business Cases are prepared and submitted to NSW Government for approval.

8

Staged infrastructure delivery

Stormwater infrastructure is delivered over time in alignment with precinct development. Some work may be delivered by developers under Sydney Water's Developer Works Policy.

Timing

Ongoing engagement with Traditional Custodians, stakeholders, developers and landowners

- 2014**
Badgerys Creek announced as the site for Western Sydney's new airport.
 - 2016**
Western Sydney Airport Plan released.
 - 2018**
Western Sydney City Deal signed.
 - 2020**
Stormwater and Water Cycle Management Study Interim Report published for consultation.
Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan finalised.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020.
Phase 1 Draft Development Control Plan (DCP).
 - 2021**
Phase 2 DCP.
Open Space Needs Study published.
 - From 2022**
Regional stormwater system planning by precinct.
Public consultation on stormwater scheme plans and Development Servicing Plans (DSPs).
 - March 2022**
Sydney Water appointed as Regional Stormwater Authority for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, including the Mamre Road area.
Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precinct Plans published with the Stormwater and Water Cycle Management Study and Riparian Corridors Assessment.
 - June 2022**
Consultation on Draft Aerotropolis Stormwater Framework.
 - October 2024**
Stormwater Developer Works Policy Finalised.
 - 2026 to 2056**
NSW Government approvals processes.
Environmental assessments.
Staged deployment and land acquisition.
- *Updates to key planning policies and frameworks as required.

How we engage

Since 2022, we have been working with landowners, government and the development industry to shape the frameworks and principles that guide how we will manage stormwater across the Aerotropolis and Mamre Road areas.

Through this process, we've finalised key documents that will guide development in the area, including Stormwater Scheme Principles and a Developer Works Policy.

Delivering a regional stormwater system is a long term commitment – and we seek feedback along the way. Our approach is iterative, and staged to meet development, meaning that we plan at a regional level, but infrastructure is only designed and built when development occurs.

By doing this, we're making sure that the right infrastructure is delivered at the right time, in the most efficient way possible.

We work closely with all levels of government to ensure that our planning process meets regulatory requirements and aligns to policy.

When we engage

We seek feedback from the community and other stakeholders throughout the planning process. This includes consultation on:

- key planning documents as they are developed draft integrated stormwater scheme plans
- draft Development Servicing Plan (DSP).

We're dedicated to keeping you informed throughout the process, so even if we're not seeking feedback through a formal exhibition, the team is available for questions.

Sydney Water led

Future dates are indicative and subject to change.



Key terms

Term	What it means	Term	What it means
Development Control Plan (DCP)	A Development Control Plan (DCP) is a document that provides detailed planning and design guidelines for development within a local government area. The Aerotropolis is covered by the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Development Control Plan 2022.	State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP)	A State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) is a type of environmental planning instrument. In NSW, it is used to guide land use and development across the state. SEPPs address various planning issues, sometimes providing a state-wide framework while other times focusing on specific sites or issues. For the Aerotropolis, the relevant SEPP is the <i>Western Parkland City State Environment Planning Policy 2021</i> .
Development Servicing Plan (DSP)	A Development Servicing Plan (DSP) is a document that outlines how Sydney Water will provide services to support new development areas. It details the infrastructure needed, the associated costs, and how these costs are recovered from developers. The DSP will be developed after the stormwater scheme plans for each area are finalised.	Stormwater harvesting infrastructure	Systems that collect runoff that originated from surfaces like roads, roofs, and footpaths. This water is stored and treated so it can be reused in industry, and for things like watering parks and gardens.
Hydro Line spatial data	Streams in NSW have been mapped according to the Government Hydro Line spatial dataset (as required by the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018). The purpose of the Hydro Line spatial data is to determine the Strahler stream order of a stream.	Stormwater Scheme Plan	Stormwater Scheme Plans, like the drafts we recently placed on public exhibition for Wianamatta Badgerys and Cosgroves, outline how stormwater runoff will be managed within a specific area, to ensure sustainable development and environmental health. The plans detail the infrastructure, like pipelines, waterways, stormwater basins and wetlands, required to manage stormwater, including its collection, treatment, and potential reuse.
MUSIC models	Used by Local Government, catchment managers, and the urban development industry to manage stormwater, eWater MUSIC™ is a software tool that simulates the behaviour of stormwater in urban catchments and helps to understand the performance of stormwater quality treatment systems. Source: eWater MUSIC - eWater	Strahler stream order	A method for classifying the hierarchy of creeks. In 2012, the NSW Government generated a state wide map of all the waterways based on topographic data. This map was analysed into 'Strahler' orders – and these categorise creeks from small to large, with Strahler 1 being the smallest creeks. The DCP requires Sydney Water to maintain waterways of Strahler Order 2 or higher in a natural state.
Pumping station	A facility that moves stormwater, water or wastewater from one place to another, usually when gravity alone is not enough to transport it through pipes.	Treatment system	A process or structure that removes pollutants from stormwater to make it cleaner before it is stored, reused or released to the environment.
Recycled water	Water that has been treated so it can be reused for non-drinking purposes in homes and businesses, for industrial and agricultural uses, and for watering public open spaces.	Trunk drainage	The main drainage system that moves large amounts of stormwater from developed areas to waterways or storage basins. It is typically designed to handle runoff from areas larger than 15 hectares.
Reservoir	A large storage facility for water, which can be used to supply drinking water, stormwater storage, or recycled water supply.	Waterway	A river, creek, or stream that carries water through the landscape, often connecting to larger bodies of water like lakes or the ocean.
Riparian corridor	The land and vegetation along the edges of creeks and rivers. These areas are important for maintaining water quality, preventing erosion, and providing habitat for wildlife.		
Stormwater basin	An open area for the storage of rainwater runoff.		

Resources

Government published resources and policies

	<p>eWATER MUSIC™ models</p> <p>https://ewater.org.au/ewater-solutions/tools/music/</p>
	<p>Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991</p> <p>https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-1991-022</p>
	<p>Riparian Corridors Assessment</p> <p>https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/L7E3+-+Riparian+Corridors+Assessment+Dec+2021.pdf</p>
	<p>Stormwater and Water Cycle Study</p> <p>https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/L7J+-+Stormwater+and+water+cycle+management+study.pdf</p>
	<p>Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precinct Plan</p> <p>https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis+Precinct+Plan+-+March+2022+-+FINAL_HD+and+accessible.pdf</p>
	<p>Western Sydney Aerotropolis Development Control Plan 2022</p> <p>https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2024/Aerotropolis%20Phase%20%20DCP_Amendment%201_September%202024.pdf</p>
	<p>Western Parkland City State Environmental Planning Policy 2021 (SEPP)</p> <p>https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/epi-2021-0728</p>
	<p>Water Management (General) Regulation 2018</p> <p>https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2018-0480</p>
	<p>Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 Hydro Line spatial data</p> <p>https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/water/our-work/licensing-and-approvals/controlled-activity-approvals/waterfront-land-e-tool/hydro-line-spatial-data</p>

Sydney Water resources and policies

	<p>Innovative water management for the Aerotropolis Precinct</p> <p>https://www.sydneywater.com.au/content/dam/sydneywater/documents/iwcm-summary-report-2022.pdf</p>
	<p>Stormwater Scheme Principles</p> <p>https://www.sydneywater.com.au/content/dam/sydneywater/documents/stormwater-scheme-principles.pdf</p>
	<p>Stormwater Scheme Infrastructure Design Guideline</p> <p>https://www.sydneywater.com.au/content/dam/sydneywater/documents/stormwater-scheme-guideline-western-sydney.pdf</p>
	<p>Stormwater Developer Works Policy</p> <p>https://www.sydneywater.com.au/content/dam/sydneywater/documents/stormwater-developer-works-funding-policy.pdf</p>
	<p>Stormwater Developer Works Policy – Attachment A</p> <p>https://www.sydneywater.com.au/content/dam/sydneywater/documents/stormwater-developer-works-policy-att-a.pdf</p>

Acronyms What it means

Acronyms	What it means
AWRC	Advanced Water Recycling Centre
DCCEEW	NSW Department of Climate Change, the Environment, Energy and Water
DCP	Western Sydney Aerotropolis Development Control Plan 2022
DPHI	NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
DSP	Development Servicing Plan
GL	Gigalitres
INSW	Infrastructure NSW
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
IWCM	Integrated Water Cycle Management
MARV	Mean Annual Runoff Volume.
SEPP	Western Parkland City State Environmental Planning Policy 2021



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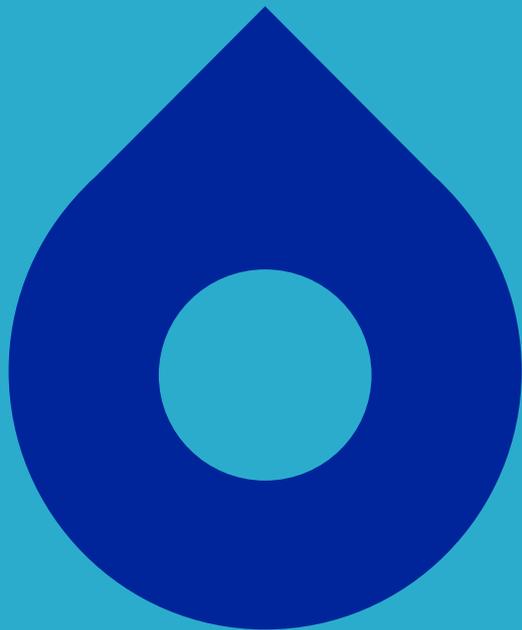
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