



Lane Cove Bushland
and Conservation Society



**SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2023
from the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society**

Subject: Notice of Motion - Investigate options for reducing water use and implement further water sensitive urban design principles

Record No: SU9072 - 60628/23

Dear Mayor and all Councillors,

As Australia is the driest inhabited continent on Earth, water is a topic of great environmental importance, where local governments can take the lead to improve management.

The Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society urges all Councillors to support the motion for improved water use and design, particularly as this can reduce stormwater damage to our waterways, allow greater infiltration and improve availability for reuse.

Heavy stormwater funneled and running fast into the tributaries and creeks within our bushland can erode the banks and push excess sediment into them and the river. There are many examples where our bushland tracks and environment has had to be remediated, at great expense, due to stormwater damage.

Greater reuse of grey water and water sensitive design should lead to improved infiltration into the ground, evaporation and transpiration via plants in the landscape. The community would enjoy greener urban spaces and recreation spaces which is shown to increase wellbeing.

The Society supports the motion to take action to implement the Kinesis recommendations for water use as well as investigate stormwater utilisation options and implementation of water sensitive urban design practices.

Regards,

Shauna Forrest- President,

on behalf of the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society