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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

CORPORATE DIRECTIONS
2001–2002



OUR VISION

A NSW where the community – people, their governments, businesses and organisations – values, protects and improves the environment for present and future generations

OUR MISSION

Guiding the community to achieve and maintain a healthy environment in a productive NSW

OUR VALUES

Integrity – We are fair and honest in all our interactions.

Transparency – We respect the community's right to know, as well as the needs of all of us within the EPA, to understand the processes and reasons behind decisions and actions.

Respect – We treat our work colleagues and the community with respect. We listen to others, knowing that the EPA's effectiveness depends on the contribution of all its people and the community.

Professionalism – We seek the best available information and efficiently undertake thorough analysis on which to base our decisions and provide timely, objective advice.

Creativity – We encourage innovation, continuous improvement and learning.

OUR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

Environment protection is complex: it spans a wide range of interconnected issues involving many stakeholders. In dealing with the numerous environmental concerns in NSW, the EPA operates in various 'spheres of influence', depending on where the responsibility for managing any particular issue lies. Thus we may have **direct** responsibility for some matters, while in other cases our role may be to **influence** others or to simply **encourage** them. We recognise today that, for most of our priorities, a combination of two or three of these approaches will be necessary to ensure we deliver the environmental outcomes we are seeking.

SHAPING OUR FUTURE



I am pleased to present our new *Corporate Directions* statement. As we are mid-way through our current Corporate Plan, this statement gives us an opportunity to reaffirm and update our priorities for 2001–2002.

We are working in a time of continuing change and the issues we face are becoming more complex. *State of the Environment 2000* tells us that while we are making inroads in a number of environmental areas, achieving sustainable development and growth will present new challenges.

Our future success lies in finding innovative ways to achieve our desired environmental outcomes in a collaborative, timely and cost-effective manner. We need to find new ways of turning business innovation toward environment protection and reducing risks to public health. We also need to tackle efficiently and effectively the next generation of environmental problems, such as diffuse source pollution, while retaining our credibility as a strong environmental regulator.

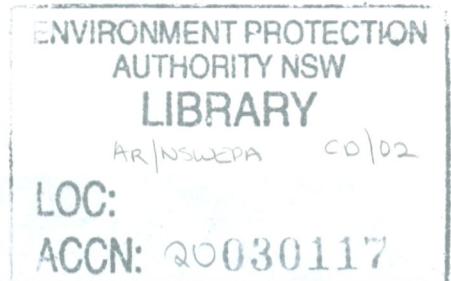
Our ability to do this will rely increasingly on our success in forming and maintaining strategic alliances with a wide range of agencies, organisations and the community. In this context, the third *Who Cares about the Environment? 2000* survey showed that NSW residents still really care about the environment and want to be involved in protecting it.

I am very positive about our future. We want the EPA to be a performance-based, information-rich, innovative, ethical and accountable organisation.

We also want to be an organisation that provides an environment that attracts and retains staff, produces positive outcomes and fosters a healthy work–life balance.

The strategic directions contained in this document will help focus the organisation during the next year. *Corporate Directions 2001–2002* gives us all a guide to the current work of the EPA, not just in our own areas, but across the whole organisation. In this way, we will be better informed to act jointly to improve the environment. Together we can be a 'can do' organisation, developing innovative ways of achieving the desired environmental and organisational outcomes.

Lisa Corbyn
Director General
June 2001



OUR ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

