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[Reform of the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation \(EPBC\) Act 1999](#)

Posted: 19 Sep 2011 05:50 AM PDT

On 24 August 2011 the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities released the government response to the independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) as part of a broad package of reforms for Australia's national environment law. Of the 71 recommendations from the independent review, 56 have been fully agreed to, or in part, and 15 have not been accepted. For more information on national environmental law reforms, the Government's full response to the review of the EPBC Act 1999, and opportunities for comment on the reforms visit [**Reform of the EPBC Act**](#).

National Water Account 2010 information for capital city regions now available

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The [**National Water Account 2010**](#) contains a set of water accounting reports for eight nationally significant water management regions. Reports are now available for the Adelaide, Perth, South East Queensland, Canberra and Sydney regions with Melbourne to be available in upcoming releases.

Toolern set to become Australia's first water neutral suburb

Posted: 19 Sep 2011 05:47 AM PDT

A new suburb being built south of Melton in outer Melbourne is set to create a benchmark for Victoria by officially becoming [**Australia's first water neutral suburb**](#). Toolern will capture and reuse stormwater and recycled water to greatly reduce the suburb's demand for potable water, and will be the first suburb in Victoria where a potable water substitution target is being included in its precinct structure plan.

Hawkesbury Nepean River Recovery Program (HNRRP) final e-news September 2011

Posted: 19 Sep 2011 05:46 AM PDT

After just over two years of very intensive activity, the Hawkesbury-Nepean River Recovery Program (HNRRP) is coming to an end, having successfully delivered its intended outcomes on time and under budget. The [**final edition of HNRRP e-news**](#) reflects on some of the major achievements from the seven HNRRP projects and celebrates the great work that has been done to improve the health of the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment. The Hawkesbury-Nepean river system frames the western edge of the Sydney Basin and is one of New South Wales' most important natural assets.

NSW Festival of Nature 2011

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This September, celebrate our remarkable natural world with the NSW [**Festival of Nature 2011**](#). This statewide, month-long festival features a diversity of events hosted by a range of organisations, from bushwalking to forums, bush care to art and canyoning to workshops. Get along to an event near you today and help celebrate the beauty and wonder of our natural environment.

Woodlands Week 24 September to 4 October 2011 – High Country Urban Biodiversity (HiCUB) Project

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The High Country Urban Biodiversity (HiCUB) Project in the New England region of NSW has planned ten days of great school holiday activities in **Woodlands Week** from 24 September to 4 October 2011.

UN-Habitat World Habitat Day 3 October 2011

Posted: 19 Sep 2011 04:26 AM PDT

The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. **World Habitat Day 2011** will be celebrated on 3 October 2011 and the Global Celebration will be hosted by the Government of Mexico.

World Animal Day 4 October 2011

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The mission of **World Animal Day**, held on 4 October each year, is:

- To celebrate animal life in all its forms
- To celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom
- To acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives – from being our companions, supporting and helping us, to bringing a sense of wonder into our lives
- To acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals enrich our lives

New Glossy Black-Cockatoo Conservation Guidelines

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The new **Glossy Black-Cockatoo Conservation Guidelines** launched this week summarise the ecology, threats and appropriate research and management actions for addressing the conservation needs of this threatened species. The conservation guidelines have been developed by the **Glossy Black-Cockatoo Conservancy**. Formed in 2005, the conservancy is a partnership between government, community groups and business to facilitate improved conservation outcomes and inform management responses to protecting the vulnerable glossy black-cockatoo across the South West Queensland and Northern NSW region.

Urban Bushland Council Western Australia launches new website and logo

Posted: 19 Sep 2011 04:22 AM PDT

The **Urban Bushland Council's new website** and logo were formally launched on 3 August 2011. The Urban Bushland Council is the peak community organisation for urban bushland recognition and protection in the greater Perth area and is an association of more than 60 community conservation groups concerned about urban bushland. The Council is a voluntary, non-government organisation.

Local Government and Public Sector Building Maintenance and Management Conference Melbourne 29-30 November 2011

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The **Local Government and Public Sector Building Maintenance and Management Conference 2011** will cover a wide range of topics including in the theme "Water and Energy Efficient Buildings: Towards More Sustainable Buildings". To achieve more sustainable buildings it is

now crucially important to consider the water and energy efficiency of buildings not just in their initial construction, but also in their operation and maintenance. Topics in this theme include:

- Green roofs for more sustainable cities
- Building maintenance programs – impact on carbon footprint
- So what is green cleaning?
- Implementing energy efficiency solutions in local government
- How to run cost-effective and practical energy and water efficiency projects in hundreds of small buildings
- Avoiding the reinvention of the wheel: the local government “Tech Hub”

Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Brazil **4-6 June 2012**

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The **Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development** (UNCSD) will take place in Brazil on 4-6 June 2012 to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro, and the 10th anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg. The objective of the Conference is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development, and address new and emerging challenges.

Rio+20 – Pictures of the World

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In the lead-up to the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development you can participate in **Rio+20 – Pictures of the World**. Ensuring that our future needs can be met, and balancing our consumption with the environmental limits of the planet, is a collective effort that will impact all levels of society. What do you think that will look like? How would your life be different under a new paradigm of sustainability? What aspects of a sustainable lifestyle would you enjoy? Share your thoughts in pictures.

Urban renewal creates major new parks in Seoul and New York

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Cheonggyecheon is an 8.4 km long, modern public recreation space in downtown Seoul, South Korea. The massive urban renewal project is on the site of a stream that flowed before the rapid post-war economic development required it to be covered by transportation infrastructure. The \$900 million project initially attracted much public criticism but, after opening in 2005, has become popular among city residents and tourists. Species of fish, birds, and insects have increased significantly as a result of the stream restoration, and the stream helps to cool the temperature of nearby areas by 3.6 °C on average compared to other parts of Seoul.

The High Line in New York was originally constructed in the 1930s, to lift freight traffic 30 feet in the air and remove dangerous trains from the streets of Manhattan’s largest industrial district. Friends of the High Line, a community-based non-profit group, formed in 1999 when the historic structure was under threat of demolition. Friends of the High Line works in partnership with the City of New York to preserve and maintain the structure as a 1.45-mile-long elevated public park. 161 out of the 210 plant

species in the design of Section 1 of the High Line are native to New York, and the High Line's green roof system is designed to allow the plants to retain as much water as possible.

European Citizens Climate Cup

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The **European Citizens Climate Cup** (ECCC) is an energy saving competition between households throughout 10 European countries. From April 2011 to April 2012, households are invited to join the competition and use the online toolkit (ESA) to monitor their household energy consumption against that of previous years. This website helps provide all participants with information and tips and tricks on how they can save energy in their home and the ESA will calculate and demonstrate the savings they make. At the end of the competition, there will be an 'Energy Saver of the Year' – the individual or household that has made the greatest energy savings.

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