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NORTHERN SYDNEY'S ENVIRONMENT ON TARGET

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils has released its 2009-2010 Regional State of the Environment (SoE) Report. The Report provides updates on environmental indicators and highlights regional and council environmental initiatives.

This is the 6th Regional SoE Report produced by NSROC which represents seven northern Sydney councils including: North Sydney, Lane Cove, Hunter's Hill, Ryde, Willoughby, Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai.

The Report highlights for 2009-10 include:

- a fall in total waste produced by the region;
- a drop in retail energy use across the region;
- a slowing of growth in water consumption, despite a growth in population; and
- improvements in bushland regeneration and increased volunteer levels.

NSROC President and Hornsby Mayor, Nick Berman said he was pleased with the performance of the region and the efforts of member councils:

"The NSROC region is on trend for many of its environment and sustainability goals, particularly those most influenced by direct council action. Other goals that are influenced by broader factors and other levels of government remain a key focus for our councils and the community."

"We will continue to review our performance regionally, recognising that many environmental issues impact beyond council borders and that our member councils are committed to cooperative approaches to achieve improved environmental outcomes. "

The 2009-10 Report is a Supplementary volume to the last comprehensive NSROC State of the Environment produced in 2008-09.

For further details, and to download a copy of the 2009-10 and 2008-09 reports, go to the NSROC website at www.nsroc.org

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