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NORTHERN SYDNEY'S ENVIRONMENT IMPROVING

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils has released its 2010-2011 Regional State of the Environment (SoE) Report. The Report provides updates on environmental indicators and highlights regional and council environmental initiatives.

This is the 7th Regional SoE Report produced by NSROC which represents seven northern Sydney councils including: Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby.

The highlights for 2010 -11 include:

- an increased investment in environmental programs by Councils and increased awareness by residents;
- installation of innovative energy and water saving infrastructure in many councils buildings and facilities; and
- a general reduction in total energy and water consumption across the region.

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

"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 in achieving improved environmental outcomes. "

"However with the introduction of the carbon tax next year, councils and their communities need to continue to conserve and use all resources efficiently for the best cost and environmental outcomes. With our growing population, we are also concerned about getting better transport networks and maintaining open space to enhance the liveability of the region and we will continue to keep the pressure on the State and Federal Governments in 2012 to do their part." said Mayor Berman.

The 2010-11 Report is a Supplementary Volume to the last comprehensive NSROC State of the Environment produced in 2008-09. The next comprehensive NSROC Regional State of the Environment Report will be provided in 2011-12.

For further details, and to download a copy of this report and previous reports, go to the NSROC website at www.nsroc.com.au

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