

About NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is part of the [Environment and Heritage Group](#) in the [Department of Planning and Environment](#).

We manage more than 890 protected areas, covering over 10 per cent of the land area in NSW including national parks, nature reserves, flora reserves, World Heritage areas, rainforests, beaches, alpine areas and sites of great cultural and historic significance.

NSW national parks are a stronghold for threatened species conservation, and the centrepiece in efforts to halt and reverse biodiversity loss – over 85% of all threatened species are represented on national parks; and our parks protect the largest and most intact examples of many threatened ecosystems. We're the first national park agency in Australia to set a zero extinctions target, and one of the first in the world.

We work to preserve and protect Aboriginal culture through various programs which we deliver in partnership with Aboriginal communities and through joint management of parks and reserves.

In 2022 a ground-breaking proposal has been announced to develop a new model for Aboriginal joint management of the NSW national park estate in consultation with Aboriginal people and other national park stakeholders, which could potentially see the handback of title of all NSW national parks over a 15-to-20-year period.

Fire management is a crucial aspect of our work to care for NSW's environment and to protect communities. We work closely with our partners and neighbours of national parks to identify risks and trends and to support the coordination of fire management strategies. We use a statewide approach to manage fire in national parks and reserves through research, planning, hazard reduction, rapid response firefighting crews and community alerts.

NPWS will both reduce its operational footprint and increase the sequestration rate across the national park estate to become carbon positive by 2028.