

Our water future

During the recent drought of 2017 to early 2020, dam storage levels dropped by

50%

We need to think about water differently.



To prepare for future droughts, we must adapt our water network to increase our overall supply.

We need to consider a mix of water supply options.



Did you know Greater Sydney relies on rainfall for about

85%

of its water supply?

Securing a resilient and reliable water supply that is less dependent on rainfall is essential to meet the needs of our vibrant city.

The Greater Sydney Water Strategy (GSWS) plans for a secure and sustainable water supply for Sydney.

It provides a clear direction to support economic growth and community wellbeing through to 2040 and beyond.



49 GL/y water saving by 2040

Continue investment in water conservation and efficiency programs



Additional 20 GL/y

Increase use of Sydney Desalination Plant

Explore all rainfall independent supply options including



Purified recycled water



Desalination



Use stormwater and recycled water to cool and green the city



Invest in upgrades, new connections and leak management



Integrate our water and land use planning more effectively



Invest in wastewater management and improve waterway health