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<p>624 planning referrals processed to minimise environmental impacts</p> 	<p>47% reduction in backlog of contaminated sites to be assessed</p> 	<p>100% of gas projects inspected</p> 
<p>Koala habitat mapped</p> 	<p>96% of designated service stations installed or upgraded Stage 1 vapour recovery equipment</p> 	<p>EPA joins initiative to make Parramatta River swimmable by 2025</p> 
<p>Litter volume 12%</p> 	<p>Work started on introducing a container deposit scheme</p> 	<p>6600 tonnes waste diverted from landfill by the Circulate Program</p> 
<p>BINTRIM reducing business waste by over 12,000 tonnes</p> 	<p>2056 tonnes household chemical waste collected</p> 	<p>96% increase in the number of illegal dumping investigations</p> 
<p>99% of licensees have plans to deal with pollution incidents</p> 	<p>89% of recommendations actioned from hazardous incidents debriefs</p> 	<p>520,000 Twitter users reached</p> 
<p>708,000 people reached via Facebook page</p> 	<p>72% of public know about the HEY TOSSER! campaign</p> 	<p>89% general correspondence responded to within 4 weeks</p> 
<p>99.6% compliance with environment protection licence conditions</p> 	<p>1328 risk assessments completed</p> 	<p>1253 people attended EPA training sessions</p> 

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Supporting community action

- over \$38 million in grants for programs to tackle littering, waste, illegal dumping and contamination, improve air quality and encourage recycling and resource recovery
- 79 cafes, pubs and restaurants took part in a successful pilot of the *Love Food, Hate Waste* business program
- new Report to EPA mobile app led to a doubling in the number of reports of littering from cars and a 1600% increase in the number of fines from 492 in 2013–14 to 8528
- another 15 community recycling centres opened, bringing the total to 41 operational centres at the end of 2015–16. Over 100 centres and mobile services have now been funded.

Caring for the environment

- \$1.2 million mapping project to help forestry operations protect threatened ecological communities in coastal State forests
- 44 inspections at Wollangambe River to ensure the Clarence Colliery pollution clean-up was completed effectively and the sensitive ecosystem was not further harmed
- *Environmental Guidelines: Solid waste landfills* updated to provide clear information to industry about minimum standards for environment protection
- the EPA became the lead regulator for the NSW Gas Plan, which aims to minimise adverse impacts from the gas industry
- the EPA became a 'one-stop-shop' for pesticide licensing with the transfer of licensing of urban pest controllers and fumigators from SafeWork NSW to the EPA in September 2015.

Protecting human health

- action to address the impacts of contamination from per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) in the Williamstown area, including precautionary measures to protect public health and establishment of a program to investigate the historical legacy of PFAS use in the NSW environment
- steps taken to minimise lead exposure among children with the signing of Memorandums of Understanding by the Broken Hill Environmental Lead Program and regional agencies
- community informed about air pollution through weekly online air quality updates and a short video about air pollutants and monitoring in the Sydney Basin, which won awards at the Australian Effects and Animation Festival awards and the Footprints Eco Festival, available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/air
- full rollout of the Dust Buster coal mines inspection program to improve rural air quality.

Holding polluters to account

- over \$10 million in penalties imposed under EPA legislation, including penalties issued by other government agencies and local government and successful EPA prosecutions
- action on over 11,000 illegal dumping incidents reported via the new RIDOnline portal
- more than 7000 Environment Line inquiries about offensive odours, air quality, noise and other concerns addressed.

State of the Environment Report 2015

The EPA published the latest triennial *NSW State of the Environment 2015* report in December 2015. The report provides an overview of the NSW environment, and assesses the status and condition of major environmental resources and environmental trends.

Available at: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/soe