Transport is essential to the economic, environmental and social development of NSW. It provides access to jobs, housing, goods and services and in doing so, improves the daily lives of our customers.

While transport infrastructure contributes to the development of sustainable cities, it also has direct and indirect impacts on the environment and communities. The Infrastructure and Place (IP) Division is committed to minimising these impacts by developing, procuring and delivering major transport infrastructure, systems and assets consistent with the Transport for NSW Environment and Sustainable Policy.

As a minimum, we will:

- Comply with all applicable environmental legal and regulatory obligations
- Maintain a certified environmental management system (EMS) consistent with ISO14001:2015
- Include risk identification and assessment across all projects.

In delivering sustainable projects, we are committed to building resilient infrastructure that supports economic development and human wellbeing while being affordable and accessible for all. We will minimise our impacts by:

- Protecting the environment: aiming to conserve resources (particularly energy and water), reduce emissions, minimise waste, and prevent pollution
- Embedding climate risk considerations in all of our activities
- Having no net biodiversity loss by protecting high value biodiversity found on our sites, and enhancing and restoring existing biodiversity where we can, otherwise offsetting any losses
- Managing our supply chain by requiring compliance with environmental laws in relevant jurisdictions
- Taking a whole of life approach when recommending sustainability initiatives and specifying materials
- Facilitating appropriate and timely engagement with our key stakeholders and customers, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, so their transport needs are met
- Improving liveability for our communities through safety, accessibility and integration of active modes of transport so the carbon footprint of our developments is reduced, the health and wellbeing of our customers is enhanced, amenity is improved and spaces are activated leading to improved economic opportunities
- Educating our staff, supply chain and the broader community on key sustainability issues and their role in addressing them.

Keeping abreast of technological advancements and innovative solutions in order to continuously improve the way we deliver sustainable transport infrastructure.

The above objectives will be achieved by:

- Identifying environmental and sustainability issues and opportunities early
- Working collaboratively within the Transport Cluster and externally to promote sustainability and embed these principles in the programs and projects that we deliver
- Utilising a framework for investigating, reporting and tracking environmental incidents and non-compliances, and implementing initiatives to further reduce them.

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