

Brand Guidelines

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Hello

Welcome to the Environment and Heritage brand guidelines for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Templates and images are available to download at: images.environment.nsw.gov.au

Logos and other resources are available to download at: <u>environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/who-we-are/brand-and-logo</u>

Brand

Architecture

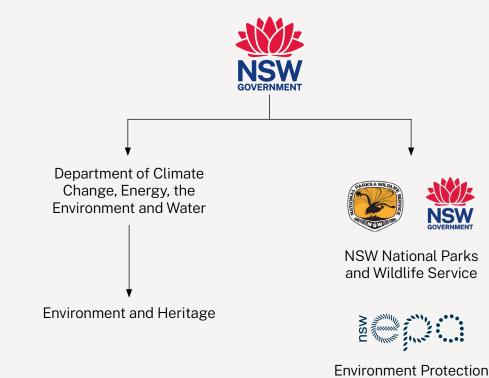
The diagram on this page shows the brand architecture relationship between NSW Government, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and the Environment and Heritage (EH).

Parent brand

EH is a group within the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and is a subsidiary of the NSW Government. This means it is wholly owned and governed by the NSW Government. As such, EH and its programs must use the waratah logo for all public facing communications.

Peer brands

These are independent peer or partner brands to EH. They are on equal footing with EH in the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water brand hierarchy.



Authority

Peer/partner brands

NSW Government Masterbrand

Departments and agencies need to ensure that the NSW Government brand is used prominently and consistently across services and communications, creating recognition and clarity so that our customers can have an improved experience.

Masterbrand is the default category for all of NSW Government. This applies to all of the Environment and Heritage.

In some instances, a brand exemption may be granted where masterbrand is not appropriate.

EH programs and Masterbrand non-corporate design

EH approved programs can use Masterbrand non-corporate design for greater expression and flexibility. Conditions apply, please refer to <u>INSITE</u>.

Examples of Masterbrand non-corporate are Biodiversity Stewardship and Credits Supply and Seabirds to Seascapes.

Criteria for Masterbrand non-corporate branding

Criteria for NSW Government Masterbrand non-corporate branding have been developed to help you determine whether you have a strong business case for a visual identity. This process was developed to ensure the benefits of another visual identity do not outweigh the costs involved.

Please submit your application addressing the criteria to the Brand and Design team (brand.design@environment.nsw.gov.au)

If you disagree with the review outcome, the request is then escalated to the Director of Public Affairs.

- 1. EH program or NSW government program or portal name
- 2. Program has funding for 3 or more years

- 3. Detail the stakeholders, their size and why they need a distinctive approach and unique tone of voice.
- 4. Outline your key partnerships and sponsorships. Detail why a unique visual identity is necessary to maintain these relationships and/or funding.
- 5. Explain your communications strategy, objectives, messaging and communication channels (such as paid advertising plan and budget, events strategy).
- Demonstrate existing brand recognition, including any research on stakeholder recall. Provide evidence that this program has existing brand awareness that will be detrimentally impacted if it does not have its own visual identity. Please detail recognition statistics (such as search results, traditional and social media activity, customer surveys).
- 7. Detail any anticipated media coverage.
- 8. Outline the business revenue or operations affected if no visual identity is developed/ Where applicable, detail monetary value. For example, the return on investment for programs that generate income (or receive funding) should be 5:1 revenue (or funding) to cost [(estimated revenue or funding – visual identity cost) ÷ visual identity cost].

Brand

EH Masterbrand non-corporate

The images opposite show the brand system relationship between EH and its non-corporate programs.

EH brand

EH is a group within DCCEEW and is a subsidiary of the NSW Government. This means it is wholly owned and governed by NSW Government, maintaining a strong affiliation through the logo and other brand elements.

Department logo lock ups were retired in December 2021, now we use a separate text treatment style. Please refer to <u>page 7</u> for more detail.

EH programs

These are EH programs that have been granted permission to use NSW Government Masterbrand non-corporate distinct visual identity, while still being governed by EH. They must still feature the NSW Government logo.

EH managed program

These are managed programs that use the EH managed program template system. They are governed by EH.

EH brand





Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Wate In partnership with The University of Sydney





NSW

Our logo

Variations and clear space

The examples opposite show correct placement of the NSW logo in EH communications.

The stand alone logo is used on all applications. The NSW Government logo must always be used in full colour.

Note: On some collateral such as pull-up banners, you may require to use the logo within a bounding box.

Always use the templates supplied and master artwork for the bounding box and logos, never recreate these. Templates are available from INSITE and the Image Library.

Logos can be downloaded from the website: environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/ who-we-are/brand-and-logo

NSW primary logo



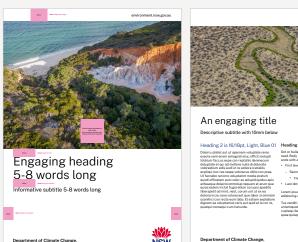


Clearspace for logo

NSW logo in bounding box



Clearspace for bounding box. Never alter the width or height of the box.







Informative subtitle 5-8 words long

NSW

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NSW

Examples: A4 Publication (Highly designed), A4 Factsheet and DL Flyer

NSW



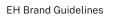
Energy, the Envi

Department of Climate Change. Energy, the Environment and Water

Engaging headline here

This is pull out text anchored on the left hand side. Maximum 3 lines only.

Examples: Pull-up banner



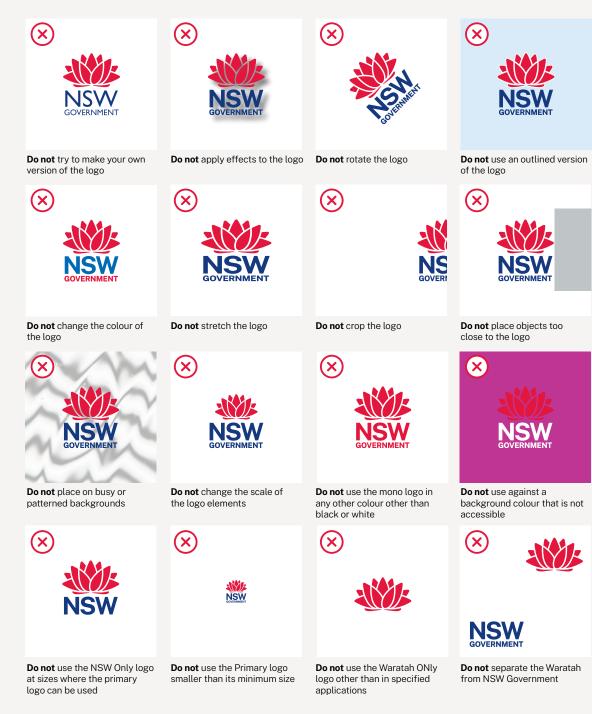
Our logo

Incorrect use

The examples opposite demonstrate some situations to avoid when using the NSW Government logo.

To ensure the logo is accurately reproduced, always use the original master artwork files and never alter, redraw, recolour or distort the logo in any way.

Legibility is the primary consideration when using the logo. There must always be good contrast, visibility and legibility between the logo and its background. A white background is preferred.



Partnerships

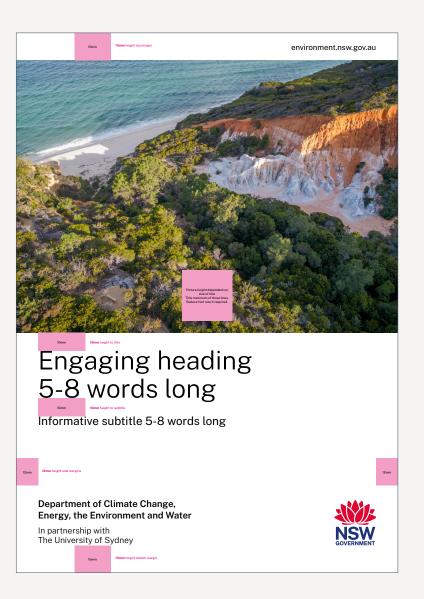
This style is appropriate for when partner brands must also be referenced.

The text is set as Public Sans 11pt in Regular.

Language may be updated to other headings where appropriate, e.g. 'With additional funding from.'

If additional external logos are required we may feature these on the back cover.

Please email <u>brand.design@environment.nsw.gov.au</u> for advice if you have trouble finding a solution.



Typography

Our primary typeface is Public Sans aligning to NSW Government Masterbrand.

Public Sans was designed with accessibility in mind: differentiation between 1, i and l; larger x-height, large open counters.

All our templates use the Public Sans font. Employees computers should have the font included. It is also available to install via the Software Centre.

There should be no requirement for a secondary font.

For external vendors the Public Sans font is freely available for download from NSW Government website.

digitalnsw.github.io/public-sans/download

Primary typeface

Title	Font weight	Size and leading
Heading 1	Light	22/24
Heading 2	Light	16/18
Heading 3	Medium	14/16
Heading 4	SemiBold	12/14
Body copy	Light	11/13

Typography

Hierarchy

We have carefully crafted the typographic hierarchy to make it easier for e-readers to scan and understand complex documents.

Text styles are designed to meet accessibility requirements for documents. Please apply the templates styles, don't change or adjust the text style hierarchy or the font size.

The text styles illustrated opposite are already embedded in both the InDesign and Word templates available via the Image Library.

Heading 1 is 22/24pt Light, max 2 lines, starts on a new page

Heading 2 is 18/21pt Light Blue 01

Heading 3 is 14/16pt Medium Blue 02

Heading 4 is 12/14pt, Semibold Black

This is body text. For body text use 'body style'. It is organised into paragraphs. Lorem ipsum dolor sit aemt, consectetur adipiscing elit. Proin eget fermentum metus. Pellentesque oranare ac. <u>This is a hyperlink</u>.

Dot or bullet point lists can make content easier to read. Body text before a list of dot points usually ends with a colon. For example:

- First level bullet point
 - Second level bullet point
 - ° Third level bullet point
- Last dot point ends with a full stop.

Numbered lists may be used, as featured below:

- 9. First numbered list item
- 10. Second numbered list item
 - k. Item in sub list
 - l. Item in sub list
 - i. Item in sub list
 - ii. Item in saub list

Indented pull-out quotes may be used as featured in the example below.

Pull-out quote is 14/16pt Medium, Blue 02. Us con recatur estrum autectre mostimate nitate posam ute omnis debis elestemquiam quos doluptaquodj, comni rem.

(Quote subscript is 10/12.5pt, Book Italic, Black)

Typography

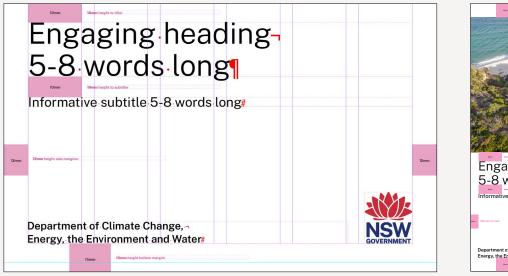
Descriptor or department name

The descriptor text or department name is included and locked on to all front page headings.

All documents have a page bottom margin of 15mm. The descriptor baseline sits on at the bottom of the text area aligning with the NSW Government logo on the right.

InDesign templates include a non print layer with measurements as seen in the sample on this page.

Descriptor - department name





Example: A4 Publication (Highly designed)

Colour palette

The Masterbrand colour system is based on the selection of 3 colour columns from the colour palette. The three colours used by EH are Blue, Grey and Green columns.

Each of the three colour columns are made up of four tonal rows (01-04).

Our palette aligns to the NSW Government Masterbrand colour palette. The use of the full colour palette for charts and graphs allows the graphs to pop and have plenty of contrast.

We have minimised the use of the Government red, purple and pink for environmental communications.

Note: Adobe Swatch Exchange files are available to use with Adobe programs. If you are using the design templates the colour palette will already be embedded in the files.

Blue 01	Grey 01	Green 01
(Core NSW Blue)	RGB 34/39/43	RGB 0/64/0
RGB 0/38/100	HEX #22272b	HEX #004000
HEX #002664 CMYK 100/85/5/20	CMYK 54/34/42/92 PMS 447 C, 419 U	CMYK 86/20/85/56 PMS 7483
PMS 281	PNIS 447 C, 419 C	FINIS / 403
Blue 02	Grey 02	Green 02
RGB 20/108/253	RGB 73/80/84	RGB 0/170/69
HEX #146cfd CMYK 94/58/0/0	HEX #495054 CMYK 51/31/18/61	HEX #00aa45 CMYK 83/0/94/0
PMS 2387	PMS 431	PMS 354 C, 7481 U
Blue 03	Grey 03	Green 03
Blue 03 RGB 140/224/255	Grey 03 RGB 205/211/214	Green 03 RGB 168/237/179
RGB 140/224/255 HEX #8ce0ff	RGB 205/211/214 HEX #cdd3d6	RGB 168/237/179 HEX #a8edb3
RGB 140/224/255	RGB 205/211/214	RGB 168/237/179
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RGB 140/224/255 HEX #8ceOff CMYK 40/5/0/0 PMS 291 C, 283 U Blue 04 RGB 203/237/253	RGB 205/211/214 HEX #cdd3d6 CMYK 10/4/6/18 PMS 428 C, 427 U Grey 04 RGB 235/235/235	RGB 168/237/179 HEX #a8edb3 CMYK 33/0/39/0 PMS 2254 Green 04 RGB 219/250/223
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Colour palette

Accessibility

The RGB colour palette on the right includes descriptive text for each colour to guide you when using coloured text and ensure text meets accessibility requirements

To meet vision impairment accessibility guidelines please use Black text, or use the eye dropper tool on the following colours.

As a Government agency we need to meet **WCAG 2.0 AA accessibility** guidelines in all our work.

We highly recommend using a colour contrast tool such as the <u>Colour Contrast Analyser (CCA)</u> to ensure that all important coloured elements and text meets AA accessibility.

Notes

Text colour combinations must always pass WCAG 2.0 AA standards for your text size. This means:

- A contrast level of at least 4.5:1 for normal text. Normal text is text that is below 18pt, or below 14pt if it is bold.
- A contrast level of at least 3:1 for large text. Large text is text that is 18pt and larger, or 14pt and larger if it is bold.

Large text (White) Large text (Blue 1) Large text (Blue 2) Normal text (White) Normal text (Blue 1) Normal text (Blue 2)	Large text (White) Large text (Grey 3) Large text (Grey 4 Normal text (White) Normal text (Grey 3) Normal text (Grey 4)	Large text (White) Large text (Green 3) Large text (Green 4) Normal text (White) Normal text (Green 3) Normal text (Green 4)
Large text (White)	Large text (White)	Large text (White) Large text (Grey 1)
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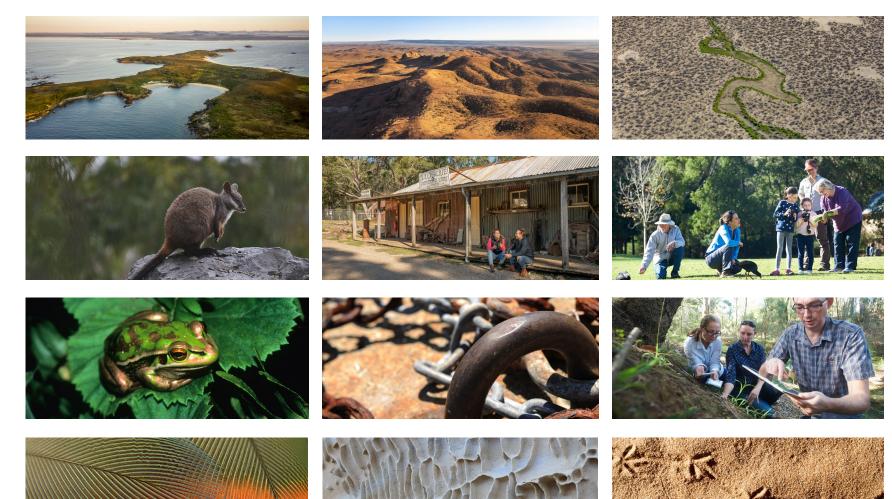
There is a rich wealth of imagery available through the EH image library.

Our approach encourages you to think about storytelling through imagery. Within a single document start with a big picture sense of overview, then zoom in through various layers to a more macro view. This will give a richness and depth to EH communications, and encourages you to make the most out of what's available in the image library.

Visit: images.environment.nsw.gov.au



Aerial views, sweeping vistas, majestic landscapes.



environment

Immersive

Textures

Details



Things to avoid

The top line principles demonstrated in the images opposite create an overview of our approach to shooting original photography.

Please refer to the following pages for detailed guidance.

Don't apply unnatural filters onto our imagery



Avoid clearly staged photographs



Avoid over-treating images to they feel unnatural (eg. Over-exposure)



Don't pick imagery that with artificial textures



People in photography

Photography with people should be carefully art directed or selected to represent the local personality and reality of the environments.

- People appearing in photos should look engaged and have clear direction from the photographer about which emotion they should portray (happy, fascinated, curious, enthusiastic, calm, professional, caring, etc.). Poses should look relaxed and unstaged.
- People appearing in photos should have their faces showing where possible, unless they are appearing in a wide shot which focuses more on their surroundings.
- People's clothes should reflect a natural colour palette (no fluorescent colours) with accent colours inspired by the EH colour palette. They should not have any visible logos or branding (other than NSW Government branding).
- Staff should be in full uniform with sleeves rolled down and wearing hats (applies to NPWS rangers and guides, and DCCEEW roadshow teams).

- Children should always wear sunscreen and hats in full sun, as well as protective clothing.
- Where possible shoot talent in full shade to avoid harsh or mottled light, unless it's an overcast day.
- Make sure that people's faces are bright, clear and in focus, and aren't covered by shadows.
- Ensure all models have signed a release form that allows DCCEEW to use the image. This form may be found by searching for 'model release' on INSITE, or by emailing: images@environment.nsw.gov.au.
- The use of props should always be minimal.

People in photographs





What to avoid



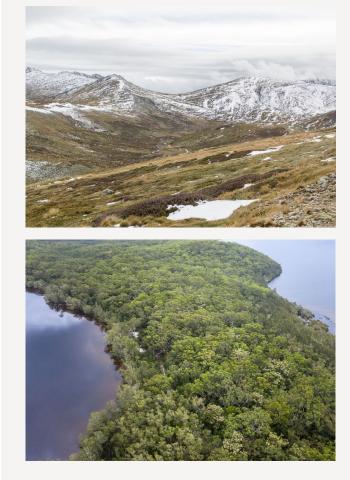
Things to consider

When shooting

- Images are shot in full colour.
- Capture a positive impression of your subject matter sunny day, complimentary lighting, and vibrant, rich and healthy colours.
- All photos should be taken in landscape and portrait format and with spare space surrounding the subject, to allow for versatile cropping and use.
- Flora and fauna should be photographed at their natural level where possible, to create more of an impact to the viewer (for example, a lizard would be photographed low to the ground).
- Lighting should be natural to ensure a bright, clean and clear image avoid the use of filters.
- Photo editing should retain a natural look and feel. Soft editing can be used to tidy up an image where necessary.

Landscape photography

- Landscape shots should give an impression of the grandeur and scale of our natural world.
- Landscapes are best photographed just before sunrise and just after sunset, when the light is softer. If photos need to be taken during the day, avoid shooting directly into the sun.
- Landscapes should be photographed on a wide angle, in both portrait and landscape format to allow for cropping.
- Landscapes do not have people as the focus of the shot, however people can be shown engaging with or enjoying their surroundings if appropriate.



Things to consider

When selecting images

- Large hero images should only use 'the big picture' or 'immersive environment' photography styles as these wider shots are better suited to larger formats.
- Detailed/close-up and textured images should never be used in the large hero image format as they become overbearing. Detailed/close-up images should only be used in secondary photography styles, such as the smaller circular spotlight or smaller rectangular image style.
- Avoid stock photography we want our images to be as authentic as possible.
 For a large selection of images available to DCCEEW, visit images.environment.nsw.gov.au or contact: images@environment.nsw.gov.au
- Images should be naturally vibrant and not oversaturated.
- Consider text and logo placement if the image is to be used as a title page for collateral.
- Ensure DCCEEW has the appropriate permission to use the image.
- DCCEEW can only commission and use drone photography and video footage that is taken/ produced by a CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) licenced operator.

- Please note that special consideration must be given to images of Aboriginal sites and people.
- The photographer must be credited. Please refer to the collateral section, from page 23 onwards to see examples of photo credits in documents and other applications.
- High resolution images (preferably in raw, high resolution tif or jpg files) should be provided to the image library: <u>images@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>.
- Staff should be in full uniform with sleeves rolled down and wearing hats (applies to NPWS rangers and guides, and DCCEEW roadshow teams).
- Children should always wear sunscreen and hats in full sun, as well as protective clothing.
- Ensure all models have signed a release form that allows DCCEEW to use the image. This form may be found by searching for 'model release' on <u>INSITE</u>, or by emailing: <u>images@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Recommended image sizes

- Web format: 72dpi, jpg, png
- Print format: 300dpi, jpg or tif
- Large format (billboards / pull-up banners): 150dpi at actual size, jpg

Tone of voice

Publications

- The Environment writing style is direct and active.
- Speak with a confident, open and engaging tone.
- Minimise the number of words used to convey a message.
- Avoid passive voice where possible; for example:

'Global warming is threatening coastal towns.' (Active voice)

'Coastal towns are being threatened by global warming.' (Passive voice)

• Avoid long leading phrases – get to the point quickly. Instead of saying,

'Following extensive consultation with stakeholders and liaison with industry, the agency came to the conclusion that...', say

'We consulted with the community and stakeholders and concluded that...'.

- Make clear statements and resist over-qualifying or repeating qualifiers (usually adjectives) that have been explained in previous text.
- Avoid jargon, internal administrative divisions and obscure or archaic language.

- Don't assume that everyone knows about a particular program or immediately understands a program's title.
- Avoid the overuse of acronyms. Acronyms are okay to use after the full name has been introduced, but it's better if you can minimise them.

Please see the <u>Australian Government</u> <u>style manual</u> for more details on writing for publications.

Marketing

Use the following guide for promotional and advertising materials, such as flyers, digital banners and pull-up banners.

Main headline:

Main headings are short and catchy, around 5-8 words. They are emotive and rousing:

- 'Our future on the coast' (emotive) rather than 'Coastal management reforms' (impersonal).
- 'Saving an Aussie icon' (emotive) or 'Koalas in our backyard' (emotive) rather than 'Koala conservation in south eastern NSW' (impersonal).
- Sub-heading:

As the main headline is emotional and engaging, the sub-heading can be factual and informative, to balance the publication title:

- 'Coastal management reforms' (factual/ informative) can be the subheading of a communications piece that has 'Our future on the coast' (emotive) as a main heading.
- It's okay to have a slightly longer sub-heading to accurately describe the content of the communications piece.

Tone of voice

Web content

Writing web content is different from writing for print publications. EH website visitors are busy people who have a range of reasons for accessing our web content. They need to get things done, and quickly. They're likely to skim-read content and skip or ignore large chunks of text to read faster, so we need to get our information across quickly and clearly without wasting their time. Web content should be:

- concise
- relevant
- easy to understand, written in plain English
- scannable, with headings and bullet lists to break up text
- accessible for people using screen readers and other assistive technologies.

As a NSW Government agency, all DCCEEW communications for web and print need to adhere to a minimum AA accessibility standard (WCAG 2.0). For more information on how to make your communications accessible, please search for 'accessibility' on <u>INSITE</u>.

For more information on the publishing process within EH, go to <u>'Get a publication</u> <u>edited' on INSITE</u> or contact the content team: <u>content.team@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>

When writing main content

• What do you want people to do?

What is the main goal of the communication? What is it that you are enabling or asking people to do? Volunteer for bush regeneration? Reduce household water usage? Join a local citizen science community? Include a clear action. Be sure to limit the number of messages per communication.

• Why is it important?

Why should people do what you are encouraging them to do? Explain what people can gain or what losses they can avoid by taking action. What are the social, financial and environmental benefits? The short and long-term benefits?

• What's the call to action?

A call to action is a question or statement that solicits a reaction from the audience. What should people do after they read your message? Should they call, email, visit a web page? Or should they simply take action? This is an extremely important part of any communications piece and should always be included in marketing and advertising communications.

Snapshot

A4 Publication – Highly designed (InDesign)

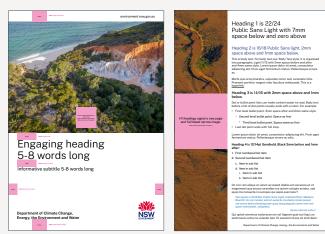
The highly designed template is created in Adobe InDesign and should be used by graphic designers only. This template allows for a highly customised final design and is ideal for professionally printed publications.

A4 Publication – Designed (Word)

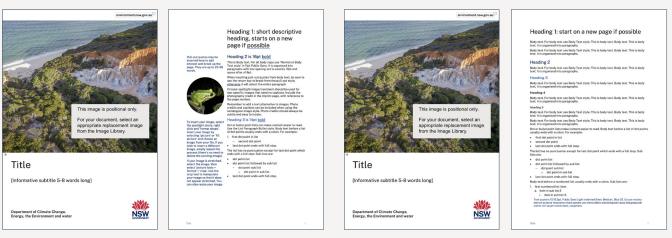
The designed Word template is easy to use, and is suited to publications that require imagery and a more designed approach, without the need for Adobe InDesign.

A4 Publication – Report (Word)

The report Word template is suited to publications with a short turnaround time – it's easy to use and does not include imagery or other design elements found in the designed (Word) and highly designed (InDesign) templates. A4 Publication – Highly designed (InDesign)

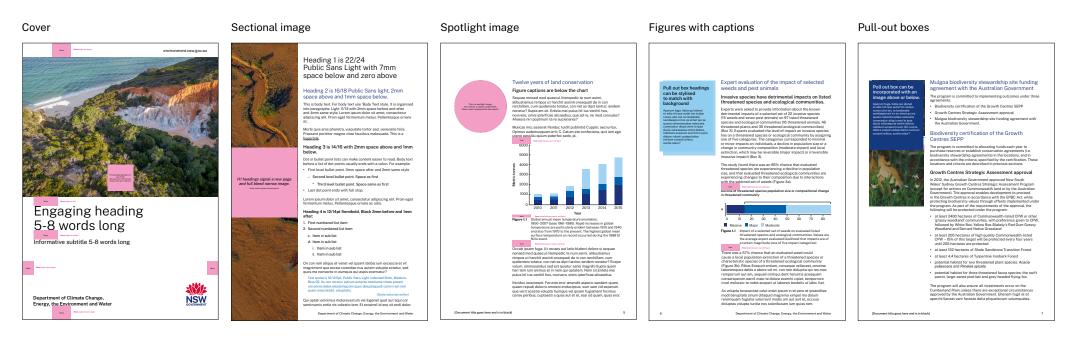


A4 Publication - Designed (Word)



A4 Publication - Report (Word)

A4 Publication – Highly designed (InDesign)



Our Word templates feature a white cover.

We use images in the narrow column as a section indicator and break up the text content. They have no need for photo credits or captions below the photo. We use circular spotlight images in the narrow column as a decorative element and break up the text content. They have no need for photo credits or captions below the photo.

Figure captions are always located below the figure.

Pull-out boxes can be incorporated with an image above or below.

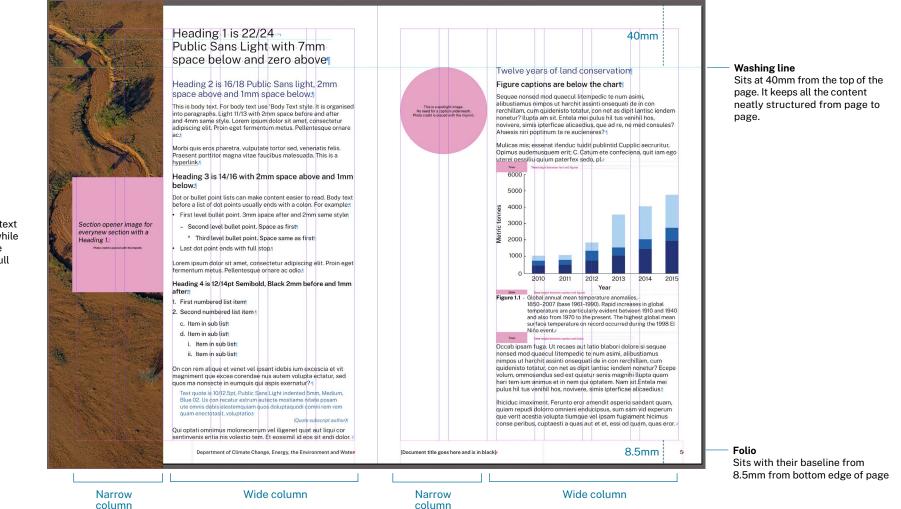
A4 Publication – Highly designed (InDesign) Grid system

Margins 15mm on all edges

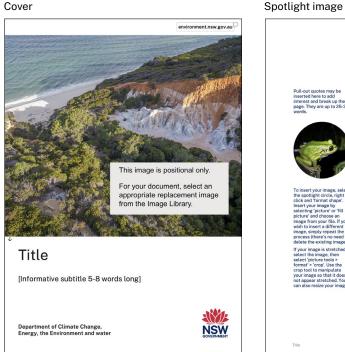
Bleed 3mm on all edges

Six column grid Allows us to use a wide and narrow column layout.

Our default layout uses a three-column style. The main text sits in the right wide column while the left narrow column may be used for images, spotlights, pull out boxes or infographics.



A4 Publication-designed (Word)



Our Word templates feature a white cover.

Heading 1: short descriptive heading, starts on a new page if possible Pull-out quotes may be inserted here to add interest and break up the page. They are up to 25-30 worde Heading 2 is 16pt bold This is Body text. For all body copy use 'Normal or Body Text style in 11pt Public Sans. It is organised into paragraphs with line spacing set to exactly 13pt and space after of 6pt. When inserting pull-out quotes from body text, be sure to use the return key to break from the pull-out style; <u>otherwise</u> it will select the entire paragraph. Circular spotlight image treatment should be used for non-specific images that need no captions. Include the photography credit in the imprint page, with reference to the page number. Remember to add a text alternative to images. Photo credits and captions can be included when using the rectangular image style. Photo credits should always be subtle and easy to locate. Heading 3 is 14pt bold To insert your image, select To insert your image, select the spotlight circle, right click and 'format shape'. Insert your image by selecting 'picture' or 'fill picture' and choose an image from your file. If you wish to insert a different image, simply repeat the process (there's no need to delete the existing image). Dot or bullet point lists can make content easier to read. Use the List Paragraph Bullet style. Body text before a list of dot points usually ends with a colon. For example: 1. first dot point in list second dot point last dot point ends with full stop. The list has no punctuation except for last dot point which ends with a full stop. Sub lists are: dot point list
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Tables with captions

Table captions always located above the table.

Figures with captions

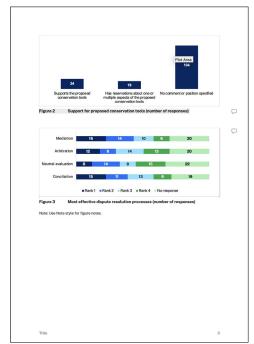


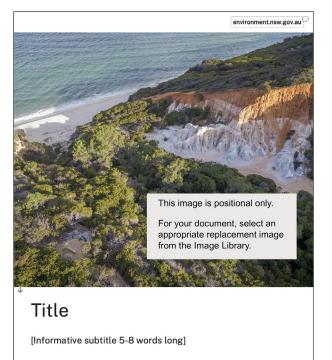
Figure captions are always located below the figure.

We use circular spotlight images in the narrow column as a decorative element and break up the text content. They have no need for photo credits or captions below the photo.

EH Brand Guidelines

A4 Publication - Report (Word)

Cover

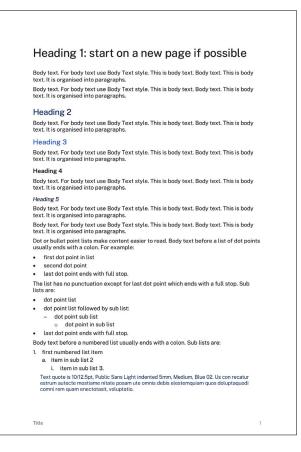


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Content page



The supplied template contains all the text formatting shown above. Our basic template has no pull out boxes or spotlight images. The font is also defaulted to Arial instead of Public Sans.

A4 folded to DL flyer

Outisde spread







Engaging heading, 2 lines max Informative subtitle 5-8 words long

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

The supplied template has all the type styles and objects locked in place to achieve this style. Don't resize the image box, or change the point size of the heading. You will need to make sure the headings are brief to work with the new brand style. A brief imprint may be included on the back cover.

Inside spread

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Dot or bullet point lists can make content easier to read. Body text before a list of dot points usually ends with a colon. For example:

First level bullet point
 Second level bullet point

Third level bullet point

Last dot point ends with full stop.



The inside spread features a single column style. Full width images, or images in circles may be used.

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b. Item in sub list



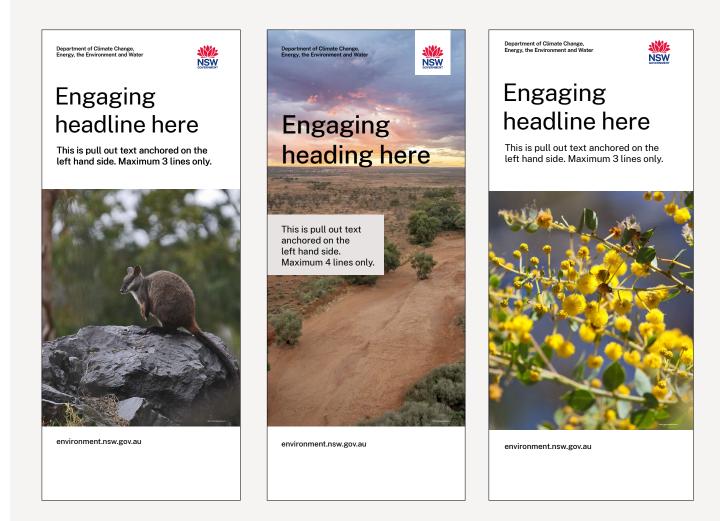
This is a full page image pull out quote anchored on the right hand side. 4mm padding around the edges with 14mm padding on the right. Text box has black text with an opaque Grey 04 background.



Pull-up banners

Our pull-up banners feature the NSW Government logo placed on the top edge of the banner. The DCCEEW text treatment is placed top right and bottom aligned to the 'NSW' of the logo. Our URL is placed in a white strip at the bottom. A short heading appears in white or black, with pull out text on an opaque light grey box. Don't place any key information along the bottom edge, as visibility is often blocked at floor level.

Our standard template size is 850x2000mm

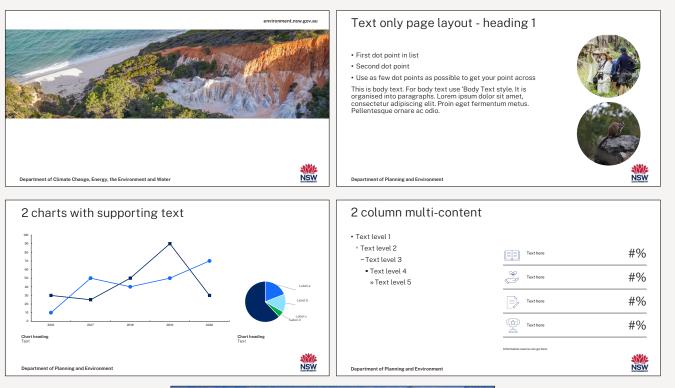


PowerPoint

Our PowerPoint template has been carefully designed to feature brief information and images for a powerful on screen presentation.

Please ensure headings and body copy are kept succinct and to the point – small writing and long pages of text will not translate well for on screen presentations.

Presentations are available for download from INSITE and from the Image Library.



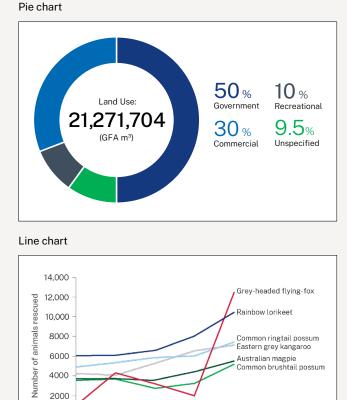


Infographics

Charts

Our charts use the bold colours to create a fresh and impactful style. We use a thin white keyline to break up the colours on doughnut charts to aid visual accessibility. Use only the accessible text colours for setting text. The full colour palette may be used for the other chart elements. Ensure an easy-to-read key is included below the chart.

Download the EH Excel template from INSITE and the Image Library.



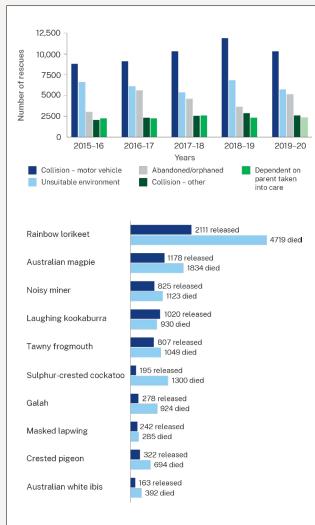
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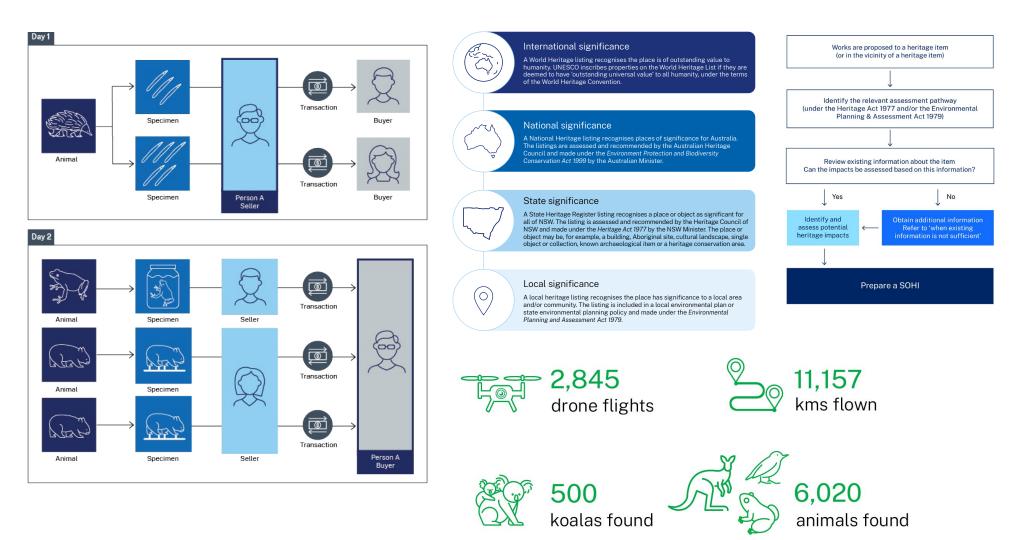
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Bar chart



Infographics

Other infographics



Iconography

Icons can help our audience absorb and process information more efficiently. They are a clear and effective way of presenting key information in a simple image.

When using iconography:

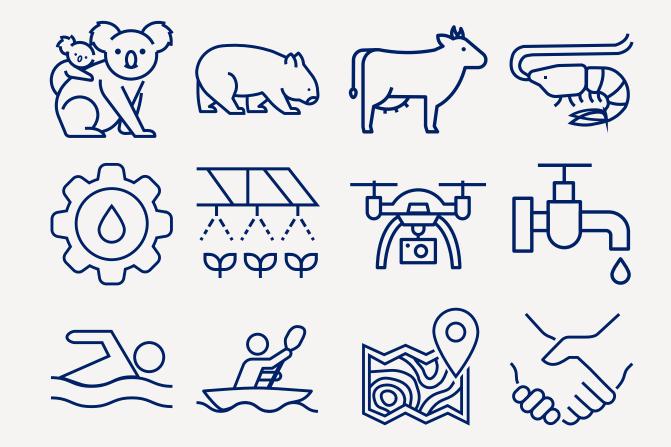
EH icons should be universal. This means they are highly recognisable and therefore accessible by many.

Our icons are monochromatic and simple.

All icons should be in line with the EH website icon style and custom made sets available for download on the image library: images.environment.nsw.gov.au

Where custom icon development is required, they should follow in the same style.

If icons are to be used on any EH webpages, then only the css classes provided in the web style guide should be used.



Production

Printing and paper recommendations

Before printing a publication consider if a hard copy is the best way to distribute your information. Would an online PDF or an HTML page (which is easier to find via Google) be a better option?

As an environmental organisation we must try to keep our printing to a minimum. Consider digitally printing a smaller quantity more frequently, so that minor alterations can be made in future iterations.

Look for a printer that can demonstrate environmental responsibility with an environmental accreditation like ISO 14001, the Australian Printing Industries' Sustainable Green Print level 3 (the best), 2 or 1 or a Advantage Award.

Work with your print professional: it is better to ask questions early in the project than have problems later.

For brand consistency, it is essential to produce all material in high print quality (300 dpi images, CMYK). Do not print images with a quality lower than 150 dpi.

Recommended paper weight:

- A4 brochure 150/170gsm
- DL flyer 150/170gsm
- A3 poster 170/200gsm

When it should go online	When it may be printed
If information is already online. Duplicating in print creates version control issues.	Publication is high profile or ministerial. It requires a highly designed layout and glossy printed finish to enhance its credibility and authenticity.
Audience can be directed to an existing web page for further information	Print is permanent. Consider cost and time to re-edit, re-design and re-print.
Ideal for geographically dispersed audience, reach your entire audience online.	Message needs to be visual and real to give to people, eg, event or conference flyer or pull-up banner.
Online content is accessible to all.	Significant budget is required to allow for design work and printing
Google search results identify text before PDFs	Longer timeline to allow for design and print production
Online publications have shorter to publish timelines than print.	Requirement to reach people in areas with poor internet connectivity
More economical and efficient process than print publication.	Reaching people in areas with poor internet connectivity?
Changes to your content or messaging? Online content is editable and easy to update.	

For more information or advice on selecting printers and paper stock, please contact the brand team.

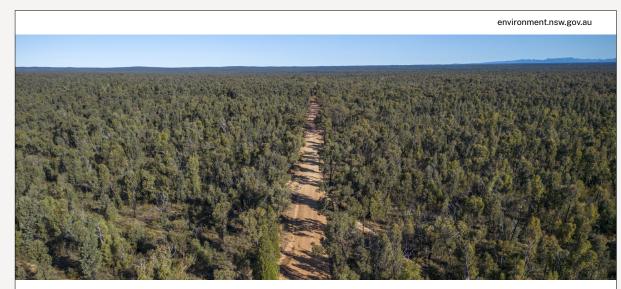
Video guidelines

The EH video guidelines and video templates are available for download from the image library. Responsibility for video branding and design is managed by the Brand and Design team, in order that videos produced throughout the agency have a common brand and design approach.

At the briefing stage of video production, please contact Brand and Design to log your project, and include a completed shoot brief. We will have an initial project planning discussion with you. Video production starts with developing the script and storyboard, which should be reviewed by Brand and Design before any video shooting and production commence.

We advise on video production and standards, and for external videos we manage portal uploading, captions, and transcriptions.

Contact Brand and Design to discuss your requirements: brand.design@environment.nsw.gov.au



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Vehicle wraps

For information about vehicle wrapping and branding, contact the Brand and Design team: brand.design@environment.nsw.gov.au





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