



Conservation & development working
together

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..... a rich
biodiversity

Sydney Olympic Park



Urban renewal.....

- 1993 - Sydney awarded the 2000 Olympic & Paralympic Games.
- Cleanup & on-site containment of 9 million m³ of historic waste
- Create functional naturalistic ecosystems within an urban parkland
- Build new sport, residential, commercial, residential



14 years on

The park supports both a thriving ecology and a growing community of residents, workers, students and visitors

- 430 hectares of parklands
- 250 hectares of restored and reconstructed habitats
- Environmental education programs to 36,000 children per year
- State of the art sport and event facilities
- 13 million visitors per year
- 2300 homes so far
- 205 businesses employing



Keys to success:

OLYMPIC ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK

- Legislation, policy, planning instruments
- Environmental tendering specifications
- Public reporting and external scrutiny

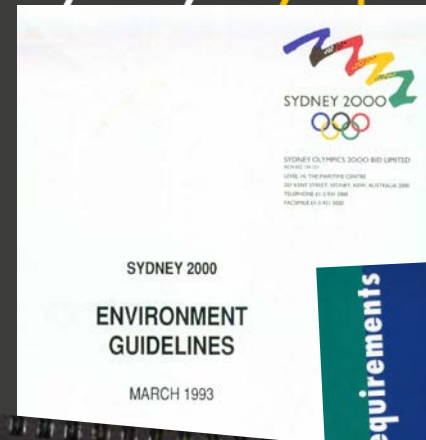
PEOPLE

- Vision, commitment and pride
- Multidisciplinary teams
- Staff and contractor environmental training
- Corporate environment team

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Early identification of ecological values

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Looking

ahead.....

Unique & ongoing challenges in managing
for conservation in a reconstructed
urban environment



Constructed
habitats have
low resilience



Retrofitting &
improving past
restorations



Parklands visitation
up from zero to 2.7
million people per
year and growing

An ongoing commitment
to conservation
management is an
essential part of the
development ↔
conservation equation.

