Resilient Sydney Strategy 2025–2030

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Shocks are sudden events that disrupt a city

International crisis
- Economic crisis
- War & conflict
- Cyberattack
- Disease outbreak

Natural hazards
- Heatwaves
- Bushfires
- Flooding
- Storms
- Coastal hazards

Critical infrastructure failure
- Energy
- Transport
- Digital networks
- Water
- Waste
- Shelter

Stresses are ongoing challenges

Inequality
- Health services
- Housing
- Transport
- Education
- Cost of living

Wellbeing
- Mental health
- Chronic health conditions
- Racism & vilification
- Family violence
- Social isolation & lack of community connections

Governance
- Fragmented governance
- Reducing social cohesion
- Low trust
- Environmental degradation
- Disrupted supply chains

"The Resilient Sydney Strategy provides a pathway for collaboration to make Greater Sydney more resilient now and in the future. Working together, in genuine partnership, will ensure Greater Sydney is a place where all communities thrive." – Mayors of Greater Sydney

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Resilient Sydney is a collaboration of 33 Greater Sydney councils working with state and federal government partners, business, academia and community to strengthen the resilience of our city. The Resilient Sydney office is funded by Greater Sydney councils.

RESILIENT CITIES NETWORK

Resilient Cities Network is a global urban resilience network of cities, bringing together global knowledge, practice, partnerships, and funding to empower members to build safe and equitable cities for all.

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Stronger together. Prepared for the future.

The Resilient Sydney Strategy 2025 – 2030 was developed in partnership with Greater Sydney councils and in close collaboration with state and federal government, business, academics and community.

City resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems within a city to survive, adapt and thrive no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

The Resilient Sydney Strategy includes an evidence-based and locally endorsed set of strategic directions to support collaborative action and increase the resilience of Greater Sydney to shocks and stresses.

The strategy is supported by 3 reports – the synthesis of the evidence-based outcomes of engagement and a youth report.

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Five key resilience challenges facing Greater Sydney

Resilience challenges identified by the risk assessment and engagement

- Environment under pressure and increasing extreme weather events
- Inequitable services and opportunities
- Depleted community resilience and growing sense of uncertainty
- Using lessons learnt to better prepare and respond in the future
- Complex governance in the context of declining trust

Direction 1

Care for the environment

A city where we care for the environment and live sustainably

1. Embed First Nations knowledge and practices in land management
2. Connect and protect green and blue places
3. Increase tree canopy and habitat across Greater Sydney
4. Increase biosecurity awareness
5. Secure the future of Sydney's water supply
6. Support electrification and the energy transition
7. Improve the security of Greater Sydney's food systems
8. Address Greater Sydney's waste crisis

Direction 2

People-centred city

An equitable city with climate resilient neighbourhoods

9. Plan and design places to withstand increased natural hazards
10. Improve the heat resilience of communities in Greater Sydney
11. Increase and improve affordable rental housing
12. Better connect communities with active and public transport
13. Create inclusive and welcoming public places

Direction 3

Connect for strength

An inclusive city that supports social connections and community agency

14. Embed dignity principles in leadership and engagement
15. Replenish resilience through creative and cultural expression
16. Support First Nations self-determination
17. Facilitate community-led action
18. Engage children and young people in decision-making about the future and their wellbeing
19. Measure and value social capital
20. Facilitate inclusive access to social infrastructure

Direction 4

Be ready

A city where people and organisations are prepared for emergencies

21. Embed person-centred emergency planning
22. Research community preparedness and support coordinated campaigns
23. Improve emergency awareness in apartment buildings
24. Coordinate and encourage volunteering
25. Collaborate to be better prepared for emergencies

Direction 5

One city

A city with coordinated governance that people trust

26. Promote and participate in collaborative governance and engagement for Greater Sydney
27. Adopt region-wide data and tools
28. Enhance the Resilient Sydney data platform
29. Strengthen the resilience of council assets
30. Galvanize resilience across Greater Sydney