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The Honourable Bob Debus, MP
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Minister

I have pleasure in presenting to you the 2003–04 annual report for the Environmental Trust.

I provide you with this report as required by the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* and the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Corbyn".

LISA CORBYN
Secretary Environmental Trust

October 2004



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Overview of the Trust

In 1990 the New South Wales Government established the Environmental Trusts as three independent statutory bodies to support exceptional environmental projects that do not receive funds from the usual government sources.

The *Environmental Trust Act 1998* amalgamated the three former Trusts into a single Environmental Trust. The Trust receives a standing annual appropriation from the Consolidated Fund, indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In 2003–04 this appropriation was \$15.6 million.

The Trust also accepts gifts and bequests, and earns interest on its funds.

Objects and Functions of the Trust

The objects of the Trust are:

- to encourage and support restoration and rehabilitation projects in both the public and the private sectors that will, or are likely to, prevent or reduce pollution, the waste stream or environmental degradation of any kind, within any part of New South Wales
- to promote research in both the public and private sectors into environmental problems of any kind and, in particular, to encourage and support: (i) research into and development of local solutions to environmental problems; (ii) discovery of new methods of operation for New South Wales industries that are less harmful to the environment; (iii) research into general environmental problems, and (iv) assessment of environmental degradation
- to promote environmental education and, in particular, to encourage the development of educational programs in both the public and the private sectors that will increase public awareness of environmental issues of any kind
- to fund the acquisition of land for national parks and other categories of dedicated and reserved land for the national parks estate.

The Trust makes and supervises the expenditure of grants and defines priority areas for funding.

The Trust is also required to reimburse NSW Treasury for approved Forestry Restructuring payments until June 2006 under *the Forestry Restructuring and Nature Conservation Act 1995*.

Structure and Management of the Trust

The Trust consists of three parts: the Trust itself, its technical committees (see Appendix 1) and administrative support staff.

The Act allows for the cost incurred in administering the Act to be met from the Trust's funds. The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) administers the Trust's programs and provides all the support services for the Trust, such as finance, human resources and information technology.

Day-to-day matters are the responsibility of the Environmental Trust Unit within the DEC's Education Services and Community Programs Branch. The major administrative tasks are:

- promoting and managing the Trust's annual grants programs
- coordinating grants assessments by the Trust's technical committees
- servicing technical committee and Trust meetings
- paying grants
- promoting and managing the Trust's high priority funding programs
- monitoring funded projects
- handling all inquiries about the Trust
- coordinating publications
- managing the Emergency Pollution Clean-up program
- reviewing the Trust's programs and procedures.

The Trust provides funding for salaries and some administrative costs.

The Trust employs four core staff, including an Aboriginal Liaison Officer. These staff are assisted during peak workload times by temporary administrative staff typically employed through agencies. The unit is overseen by the DEC's Director Cleaner Industry and Environmental Trust. Staff are selected on merit, and the DEC's equal employment opportunity principles apply.

The DEC's *Code of Conduct* applies to all officers administering the Trust.

Grants Administration

All grants have conditions attached to them, covering such matters as the project timetable, grants payments, progress and final project reports, financial reports, project variations and other administrative requirements. Except where a project is of a short duration or small amount, the Trust pays the grants in instalments. The Trust's technical committees review project progress and final reports as a means of keeping the Trust progressively informed about the quality of work and the outcomes of each project. Where appropriate, a copy of the final report is placed in the DEC Library.

Organisational Performance

Trust administration staff work wholly within the administration of the DEC and therefore take part in the organisational performance programs of the DEC, including occupational health and safety, ethnic affairs priorities, Aboriginal affairs priorities, the action plan for women, equal employment opportunities, a disability plan and environmental impact reduction programs, including waste reduction and purchasing, resource recovery, and recycled material. Further information on these issues can be found in the DEC's Annual Report 2003–04.

Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement

The call for 2003 grant applications was advertised through the ethnic media across eight language groups (Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Korean, Macedonian, Spanish and Vietnamese). The Trust will continue to ensure that the ethnic communities across New South Wales will have access to information about its grants programs.

The Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) Pesticides Training Program has high priority for 2003–2005 and provides training in pesticide use for market gardeners from four ethnic communities. Further information is outlined in the Major Funding Programs Section.

Aboriginal Affairs Priority Statement

The Trust continued funding of the Protecting Our Places program to offer grants specifically to Aboriginal groups for environmental education or restoration and rehabilitation projects. An amount of \$500,000 was for allocated to this program in 2003–04.

The Trust employs an Aboriginal Liaison Officer (an identified Aboriginal position) to encourage and assist Aboriginal groups to apply for all Environmental Trust grant programs.

Aboriginal representation on all relevant technical committees of the Trust began in 2003.

In addition to the Protecting Our Places program grants, the Trust awarded the following grants in 2003:

- Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council: \$100,000 towards riparian rehabilitation of the Barwon River, Brewarrina (Restoration and Rehabilitation Community Program)
- Nari Nari Tribe Council: \$88,500 towards an environmental restoration and community advancement project (Restoration and Rehabilitation Community Program)
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service: \$24,950 towards Aboriginal cultural tour guide training (Environmental Education Grants).

Consultancy Services

During 2003–04, the Trust did not engage any consultants.

Community Response

Feedback on the application process is actively sought from workshop attendees (see above) and from the Trust's technical committee members. Feedback is also received from grant applicants and grant recipients on the application and administration processes. This feedback is noted and actioned or given consideration in ongoing reviews of processes, as appropriate, and as part of the Trust's continuous improvement to grants administration.

Assets

The Trust does not have any physical assets that require risk management or associated insurance activities, because it utilises the resources of the DEC.

Risk Management

The Environmental Trust's risk management strategy includes the use of the following: independent grant assessment processes; formal authorisation and payment procedures under explicit delegated authority; written grant agreements with grantees; a clause in the grant agreements to indemnify the Trust; processes for tracking progress of grants and payments of grants; a procedures manual; and regular audits of procedures.

Amendments to the Environmental Trust Act 1998

There were no amendments to the Environmental Trust Act in 2003–04.

Annual Grant Programs 2003–04

Under its legislation, the Trust is required to provide minimum annual allocations for grants programs in the following areas:

- Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Program for community organizations: \$1 million
- Environmental Education Program for community organizations: \$500,000
- Environmental Research Program for community organisations, universities and research institutes: \$1 million.

In 2003–04, in addition to the statutory programs, the Trust offered three other grants programs:

- Restoration and Rehabilitation Program for local government: \$1.5 million.
- Eco Schools Program: \$120,000. The Trust has agreed to ongoing funding of this program.
- Protecting Our Places program: \$500,000. See the Aboriginal Affairs Priority Statement for further details.

Grant Selection

The technical committees met between June and September 2003 to consider the 2003 applications. The technical committees were:

- Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Committee
- Environmental Education Committee
- Environmental Research Committee
- Protecting Our Places Committee
- Eco Schools Program Sub-committee.

Details of membership are given in Appendix 1.

Grants are selected by the Trust on the basis of recommendations made by the Trust's technical committees. The technical committees assess all eligible applications on merit, using the Trust's published grant guidelines for the program. At its meeting on 4 November 2003, the Trust considered all applications along with the technical committees' assessments. Table 1 is a summary of grants taken up in 2003.

Table 1
Summary of 2003 Grants

Program	Expression of Interest	No. of Applicants	No. of Grants	Total
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation (community)	N/A	67	21	\$1,099,600
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation (State and Local Government)	N/A	73	22	\$1,506,406
Environmental Research	100	21	5	\$1,082,512
Environmental Education (Community)	84	20	8	\$531,962
Environmental Education (State and Local Government)	94	16	7	\$485,932
Protecting Our Places	N/A	35	18	\$526,319
Eco Schools	N/A	131	80	\$120,000
Total	278	363	161	\$5,352,731

Tables 2 to 8 set out in detail the grants approved under each program in 2003, the names of the recipients, their projects and the relevant local government area (LGA).

Under subsection 15(4) of the Act, for the following grants the Trust waived the condition that requires a grant to be expended within 3 years after it is made:

- CSIRO Land and Water: guidelines for the safe re-use of metal-containing wastes on land
- Lachlan Valley Water Incorporated: Lachlan community monitoring program
- Hornsby Shire Council: project for monitoring the restoration of endangered bushland remnants
- Corowa Area Remnant Enhancement (CARE) Living Landscapes: CARE Wildlife Web.
- Delegate River Catchment Landcare Group: project for maintenance of riparian vegetation on the Upper Delegate River.

Table 2
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants Awarded in 2003–04
Community Grants Program

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Australian Plants Society (Central Coast Group)	Katandra rainforest rehabilitation and riparian protection project	Gosford	\$25,950
Bellingen Urban Landcare Group Inc.	Ringwood and Cemetery Creek wetlands restoration project	Bellingen	\$83,225
Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council	Riparian rehabilitation – Barwon River, Brewarrina	Brewarrina	\$100,000
Bundeena/Maianbar Bushcare Groups	Rehabilitation of endangered littoral rainforest – Bundeena/Maianbar	Sutherland	\$37,200
Bush Habitat Restoration Cooperative Ltd	Ropes Creek restoration and community project	North Sydney	\$24,273
Cudgegong Catchment Committee	Cudgegong River riparian corridor enhancement project	Rylstone	\$89,979
Daroo Orange Urban Landcare Group	Restoring and rehabilitating Wentworth Reserve Yellow Box woodland	Orange	\$9,380
Dr Charles McKay Reserve Park Committee	Rehabilitation, restoration and regeneration of Cumberland Plains Woodland Zones F, I, J, K, M	Blacktown	\$71,000
Far South Coast Landcare Association	Vimy Ridge gold mine bat fencing project	Bega Valley	\$26,176
Foxground Landcare Group Inc.	Regeneration of rainforest and eucalypt communities in Foxground	Kiama	\$29,726
Hawkesbury Rainforest Network Inc.	Bellbird Hill Reserve and lookout rehabilitation	Hawkesbury	\$46,130
Hunters Hill High Parents and Citizens Association	Bushland habitat corridor restoration project	Hunters Hill	\$12,000
Mighty Duck River Restoration Collective	Protection of endangered remnants and wetland at Duck River, stage 2	Parramatta	\$20,000
Mount Gibraltar Landcare and Bushcare	Mount Gibraltar forest EEC regeneration project 2004–06	Wingecarribee	\$74,520
Nari Nari Tribal Council	Environmental restoration and community advancement project	Hay	\$88,500

Table 2 Continued
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants Awarded in 2003-04
Community Grants Program

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Northern Illawarra Residents' Action Group (NIRAG)	Bulli Green corridor restoration project	Wollongong	\$94,754
Orama Rivercare Association Inc.	Rehabilitation of Upper Bellinger riparian zone at Darkwood	Bellingen	\$58,650
Seaham Parks, Wetlands and Tidy Towns Committee	Rehabilitation and restoration of Seaham wetlands and Williams River	Port Stephens	\$19,400
Tullimbah Landcare Inc.	Rehabilitation of urban Illawarra threatened subtropical rainforest	Shellharbour	\$14,589
Tuross Lakes Preservation Group Inc.	Rehabilitation of lake foreshores and Kyla Park grazing land	Eurobodalla	\$74,236
Upper Murray Catchment Advisory Committee	Restoration of priority erosion sites in the Upper Murray	Tumbarumba	\$99,912
Total			\$1,099,600

Table 3
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants Awarded in 2003-04
Local Government Grants Program

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Balranald Shire Council	Providing fish passage for threatened silver perch in Balranald Weir	Balranald	\$87,100
Cessnock City Council	Revegetation and rehabilitation of Anvil/Black Creek	Cessnock	\$73,312
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	Stage 2 of rehabilitation works at North Ridge reserve	Cooma-Monaro	\$15,664
Coonabarabran Shire Council	Stabilisation of erosion in Racecourse Creek	Coonabarabran	\$59,410
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources	Protecting and restoring Murrumbidgee floodplain wetlands	Various	\$99,529
Gosford City Council	Kincumber Creek riparian restoration project	Gosford	\$42,300
Greater Taree City Council	Cattai Creek wetlands and cultural heritage protection project	Greater Taree	\$71,304
Hastings Council	Middle Rock littoral rainforest protection and restoration project	Hastings	\$91,632
Hornsby Shire Council	Urban habitat restoration	Hornsby	\$96,245
Hunter Catchment Management Trust	Williams River riparian best management practice demonstration site	Port Stephens	\$83,297
Kempsey Shire Council	Upper Belmore River acid sulfate soil scald rehabilitation project	Kempsey	\$19,000

Table 3 Continued
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants Awarded in 2003-04
Local Government Grants Program

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Lismore City Council	Lismore koala habitat restoration, extension and education	Lismore	\$69,720
Lord Howe Island Board	Cherry guava control in southern mountains of Lord Howe Island	Lord Howe Island	\$68,400
Maitland City Council	Protecting and enhancing threatened communities in Maitland	Maitland	\$64,250
Mosman Municipal Council	Collaborative project to protect habitat of the red-crowned toadlet	Mosman	\$28,100
National Parks and Wildlife Service, Southern Directorate	Restoration of seabird nesting habitat, Montague Island	Eurobodalla	\$100,000
Newcastle City Council (Coastcare)	Coastline vegetation/biodiversity project – Newcastle	Newcastle Inner	\$71,428
NSW Fisheries	Construction of a high and low flow fishway at Brewarrina Weir	Brewarrina	\$100,000
NSW Fisheries	Environmental improvements for the Rocky Mouth Creek, Richmond	Richmond River	\$95,340
Sutherland Shire Council	Restoration of endangered swamp forest complex at Kurnell	Sutherland	\$19,875
Tumut Shire Council	Riverglade wetland rehabilitation	Tumut	\$98,500
Warringah Council	Manly Dam Creek restoration and rehabilitation project stage 2	Warringah	\$52,000
Total			\$1,506,406

Table 4
Environmental Research Grants Awarded in 2003-04

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Australian Museum	Response of invertebrates to riparian habitat rehabilitation	Various	\$181,956
CSIRO Centre for Advanced Analytical Chemistry	Improved approaches to sediment quality assessment	Various	\$250,000
Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre	The extent of acid-producing sediments in inland NSW waterways	Albury	\$155,681
University of Sydney	Development and pilot of sustainability reporting for organisations	Various	\$249,969
University of Western Sydney	Social determinants of domestic energy and water consumption	Various	\$244,906
Total			\$1,082,512

Table 5
Protecting Our Places Program Grants Awarded in 2003-04

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Corporation	Wonga wetlands campsite	Albury	\$17,100
Berkeley Public School Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness	BPS ASSPA bushtucker trail	Wollongong	\$13,405
Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land Council	Junbung walkway and Richmond River rehabilitation project, Casino	Richmond Valley	\$44,899
Cooma Aboriginal Reconciliation Committee	Manaroo-Ngarigo Cooma Lambie Gorge heritage trail restoration 2004	Cooma-Monaro	\$40,050
Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation	Coomaditchie Down to Earth project	Wollongong	\$44,422
Djigay Students Association Inc.	Wigay Aboriginal Culture Park	Kempsey	\$45,000
Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council	Talbragar rehabilitation and wildlife corridors	Dubbo	\$9,000
Gugin Guddaba Local Aboriginal Land Council	Bundjalung Lagoon restoration project	Kyogle	\$10,300
Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council	Foreshore rehabilitation project	Port Stephens	\$10,646
Kempsey Family and Community Centre	Old Burnt Bridge cultural revival project	Kempsey	\$45,000
Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council	Aboriginal green teams environmental restoration and conservation program	Nambucca	\$38,680
Parramatta Aboriginal Advisory Committee	Lake Parramatta bush foods	Parramatta	\$22,000
Purfleet Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council	Sewage works rehabilitation	Greater Taree	\$40,736
Second Headland Indigenous Landcare Group	Caring for our country – coastal weed control at Second Headland	Bellingen	\$14,850
Toomelah Co-Op	Toomelah/Boggabilla indigenous nursery and bushtucker corridor	Moree Plains	\$44,291
UAMBI CDEP Aboriginal Corporation	Cemetery restoration project	Gilgandra	\$23,540
Wentworth-Dareton Aboriginal Community Working Party	Appropriate waste management for Namatjira Aboriginal Community	Wentworth	\$40,660
Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council	Worimi land revegetation and education project	Port Stephens	\$21,740
Total			\$526,319

Table 6
Environmental Education Program Grants Awarded in 2003-04
Community Grants Program

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Australian Association for Environmental Education, NSW	Documenting good practice in education for sustainability in NSW	Various	\$50,000
Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc.	Skills for the rehabilitation of disturbed native plant communities	Various	\$99,805
Central Coast Community Environment Network ⁴	NSW coastal communities caring for seagrass	Various	\$72,55
Dubbo Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.	Environmental learning for four wheel drivers in outback NSW	Dubbo	\$27,628
Master Plumbers Association of NSW	Sustainable alternative rainwater tanks	Various	\$100,000
National Parks Association of NSW	Community biodiversity survey project	Various	\$100,000
Network of Community Activities	Eco-OOSH (Out of School Hours) in action, a whole-of-centre approach to sustainable living	Various	\$49,975
Nursery and Garden Industry NSW and ACT	DAGE – Discovering Alternatives to Garden Escapes	Various	\$32,000
Total			\$531,962

Table 7
Environmental Education Program Grants Awarded in 2003-04
Local Government Grants Program

Organisation	Project Title	LGA	Amount
Fairfield City Council	South Creek agricultural education partnership program	Fairfield	\$100,000
Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW	ESD raining (video/seminars) for local government councillors	Various	\$50,000
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources	Integrate cultural education with native vegetation management	Dubbo	\$79,000
Department of Environment and Conservation, Parks and Wildlife Division	Aboriginal cultural tour guide training	Port Stephens	\$24,950
Parramatta City Council	Biodiversity for culturally and linguistically diverse communities	Parramatta	\$85,080
Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust (Botanic Gardens Trust)	Big Answers to Big Questions – public forums, internet resources	Various	\$50,000
University of New South Wales	Knowledge networks: evolving learning for sustainability in schools	Various	\$96,902
Total			\$485,932

Table 8
Eco Schools Program Grants Awarded in 2003–04

Grant Recipient	Project Title	LGA
Balldale Public School	School environmental refurbishment project	Corowa
Bellbird Public School	Rainwater tank, stand, worm farm and development of student gardens	Cessnock
Abbotsford Public School	Design and development of an exploratory garden in the school ground	Canada Bay
Bexley North Public School	Broaden waste management program – worm farm installation	Rockdale
Biddabah Public School	Responsible water management to maximise benefit and minimise harm	Lake Macquarie
Binya Public School	Binya Public School vegetation improvement plan	Narrandera
Birchgrove Public School	Increasing biodiversity at Birchgrove	Leichhardt
Blue Mountains Steiner School	Blue Mountains Steiner School Earth Repair project	Blue Mountains
Brocklesby Public School	Enhancing environmental education for Brocklesby Public School	Hume
Broken Hill Public School	Drought-resistant school environment	Broken Hill
Bronte Public School	Bronte Public School Ecoscape project	Waverley
Broulee Primary School	Sustainable lifestyle choices program	Eurobodalla
Bundeena Public School	Water reduction and establishment of two outdoor learning areas	Sutherland
Carlton South Public School	Carlton South's Go Go Green ecogarden project	Kogarah
Coniston Public School	Schoolground sustainability – 'biodiversity classroom'	Wollongong
Corinella Public School	Corinella's Corroboree – Aboriginal-inspired rainbow serpent gardens	Forbe
Cringila Public School	Growing Great Gardens – a school and community partnership	Wollongong
Dorrigo High School	Red, yellow, green, let's keep Dorriggo High School clean	Bellingen
Dubbo College Senior Campus	Creating an ecologically sustainable and educational environment	Dubbo
Dubbo South Public School	Biodiversity and the regent honeyeater at Dubbo South Public School	Dubbo
Dural Public	Food and paper worm-composting bays for recycling	Baulkham Hills
Eastwood Heights Public School	Redevelopment of environmental areas and establishment of an orchard	Ryde
Eglinton Public School	Eglinton native wonderway and info-stations	Bathurst
Floraville Public School	Improving the management of water at Floraville Public School	Lake Macquarie
Georges River Environmental Education Centre	Creating a safe wildlife haven to enhance biodiversity	Liverpool
Gilgandra Public School	Biodiversity school – environmental studies program 2003 follow up	Gilgandra
Gordon East Public School	Gordon East frog and tadpole gully project	Ku-Ring-Gai

Table 8 Continued
Eco Schools Program Grants Awarded in 2003-04

Grant Recipient	Project Title	LGA
Goulburn High School	Enhancing our community – designing and constructing a sensory garden	Goulburn
Grays Point Public School	Reduction of erosion and rejuvenation of our passive playground	Sutherland
Hamilton Public School	Students, teachers and community members – hands up for a healthy environment	Newcastle
Hamilton South Public School	Stormwater and sustainability	Newcastle Inner
Holy Spirit College Lakemba	Holy Spirit College's response to National Tree Day	Canterbury
Humula Public School	Humula School native vegetation and environmental studies project	Wagga Wagga
Hunter School for Children with Autism	Vegetable/fruit garden with worm farm	Newcastle
Hurstville Public School	Regeneration of garden area for use as outdoor learning centre	Hurstville
Kareela Public School	Kareela public school water warriors' project	Sutherland
Kegworth Public School	Rainwater tank project	Leichhardt
Kincoppal – Rose Bay	Restoration and rehabilitation of native bushland on the foreshore	Woollahra
Kotara South Public School	Rehabilitation of playground and prevention of stormwater run-off	Newcastle
Lake Munmorah High School	Bring the bush back into Lake Munmorah High	Wyong
Lansdowne Public School	Have to have a Habitat	Greater Taree
Lawrence Hargrave School for Specific Purposes	A rainwater tank to supply water for a vegetable garden	Liverpool
Liverpool West Public School	The Sensory Garden	Liverpool
Mangoplah Public School	Mangoplah Public School outdoor learning centre	Wagga Wagga
Marrickville Public School	Cooks River catchment regeneration	Marrickville
Moree East Public School	Grow tall, grow strong	Moree Plains
Mullumbimby Public School	Extension, improvement and maintenance of educational arboretum	Byron
Murray High School	Stormwater harvesting for aquatic research area	Albury
Narara Valley High School	Food of life native bush tucker garden	Gosford
Narraweena Public School	Extending the green corridor	Warringah
Niagara Park Public School	Water Wise Ways at Niagara Park Public School	Gosford
North Curl Curl Public School	Establishing an eco-garden with a garden shed	Manly
Oak Flats High School	Increasing animal and plant biodiversity at Oak Flats High School	Shellharbour
Penrith Anglican College	Project Compost – natural on-site recycling to improve soil	Penrith
Penrose Public School	Penrose environmental rehabilitation	Various

Table 8 Continued
Eco Schools Program Grants Awarded in 2003–04

Grant Recipient	Project Title	LGA
Pottsville Beach Public School	Native bush rehabilitation and establishment of learnscape area	Tweed Pt A
Pretty Beach Public School	Restoration and revegetation of degraded creekline	Gosford
Queanbeyan South Public School	Dreamscape water feature	Queanbeyan
Rand Public School	Biodiversity – replenishing the local seed sources after the big dry	Urana
Rozelle Public School	Waste Not Rozelle – learning to avoid waste	Sydney Inner
Ryde Public School	The Bill Wilson Ecogarden	Ryde
Saint Lawrence's Central School (Coonabarabran)	Saint Lawrence's native garden environment development project	Coonabarabran
Saint Patrick's School (Port Kembla)	Outdoor learnscape and garden retreat	Wollongong
Salt Ash Primary	Salt Ash Primary School koala habitat and sanctuary	Port Stephens
Scone Grammar School	Scone Grammar SEALS (School Environmental Action Leadership Squad)	Scone
Seven Hills School for Sensory Education	Sensory garden	Blacktown
South Coogee Public School	Micro zoo	Randwick
St Joseph's Primary (Como)	Revegetation of part of school playground following remediation	Sutherland
St Joseph's Primary (Eugowra)	Bush tucker garden	Cabonne
Trinity Anglican College, Albury	A biodiversity inventory of the new Trinity Anglican College	Albury
Tullamore Central School	Green thumbs – plant propagation for our school community	Parkes
Ulmarra Public School	Shaded outdoor learning area (SHOLA)	Pristine Waters
Umina Public School	Umina Public School community's flora and fauna biodiversity project	Gosford
Vaucluse Public School	Propagation area for Vaucluse School and Community projects	Woollahra
Waratah West Public School	Restoration and regeneration of creek and adjacent bushland area	Newcastle
Waterfall Public School	'Closing the Loop'	Sutherland
West Wyalong Public School	Beautification of school grounds: recovering from the drought	Lachlan
Windeyer Public School	Windeyer Public School Community Learnscape Project	Mudgee
Wyndham College	Rejuvenation of our creek	Blacktown
Xavier High School	Xavier High School and St Anne's Primary School Wetlands Development	Albury
Total	80 grants at \$1,500 each	\$120,000

Environmental Trust High Priority Programs

Since July 2000 the legislation has enabled the Trust to direct significant funds to programs targeting high priority environmental issues, in addition to its established annual grants programs. Several ongoing and new programs were funded in 2003–04.

Land Acquisition for National Parks

Funding land acquisition is an object under the *Environmental Trust Act 1998*. In 2003–04 the Trust provided the following funding for land acquisition for the national parks estate:

- Building a Foundation for a Reserve System in Western NSW (\$2,500,000)
- Improving the Boundaries and Management of World Heritage Reserves of Eastern NSW (first year of three year funding: \$800,000 allocated 2003–04)
- Building a Foundation for a Reserve System to Protect Coastal Wetlands (first year of three year funding: \$800,000 allocated 2003–04)
- Improving the Boundaries of a Reserve System (final year of three year funding: \$500,000 allocated 2003–04)

This Trust funding in 2003–04 of \$4.6 million enabled the purchase of over 48,000Ha of land for the protected area system, much of it in western NSW, where the reserve system is least comprehensive.

Cold Water Pollution

The Trust provided \$250,000 to the Department of Primary Industries (formerly NSW Fisheries) for a project to investigate ways to reduce the effects of cold water pollution. The water released from the bottom waters of dammed lakes is much colder than the temperature of the shallower river into which it is released and drives away species that would normally inhabit the warmer river waters. The project has successfully met its objectives and has made a significant contribution towards resolving the cold water pollution issue. It has demonstrated alternative ways of increasing the temperatures of dam discharges at a fraction of the cost of traditional engineering solutions. This may be implemented in a proposed upgrade of Burrendong Dam. Also, a range of low-cost modifications and operating protocols for multi-level outlet towers has been established. These are now being incorporated into the operations of State Water. Outcomes of the project, particularly relating to State-wide priorities, are being incorporated into a long-term cold water pollution strategy for NSW.

Fish Kills on the Far North Coast

The Trust provided \$232,000 to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (formerly NSW Fisheries) in 2003–04 to the Fish Kills on the Far North Coast Project (also called the North Coast Floodgate Project). The total contribution to this project over 2 years has been \$522,000.

The project's primary aim was to open tidal floodgates to reduce fish kills. This project has been completed and has achieved a number of immediate and long-term benefits in terms of water quality (oxygen levels, pH values and temperature fluctuations) and improved fish passage. The project has exceeded original projections, with a total of 57 floodgate systems actively managed. The Department of Primary Industries will focus on building on the project's success through future initiatives.

Towra Point Erosion Control

In March 2000, the Trust approved \$1 million for the Towra Point Erosion Control Project. This project involves renourishment of the severely eroded Towra Beach in Botany Bay with dredged sand. The final \$800,000 was provided in 2003–04 to enable construction to commence in winter 2004, with extensive dredging from Towra Spit and placement of sand at Towra Beach.

Clean Air Program

In 2003–04 the Trust provided a further \$1.475 million to DEC, bringing the total Trust funding for the Clean Air Program to \$5.125 million.

The seven components of this program and some of their achievements are:

- Woodsmoke Reduction Program, \$2,725,000. In the 2003 program, 638 wood heaters were removed. In the 2004 round, 15 council areas are involved, and 304 heaters have already been removed. This adds to the total of 1686 heaters removed since the program commenced, with a further 598 pending applications.
- Stage 2 (Petrol) Vapour Recovery Program, \$150,000. Trials of vapour recovery equipment at Gosford and Blacktown Councils' refuelling depots commenced this financial year.
- Local Government Air Quality Toolkit, \$300,000. The first two modules of the toolkit have been completed. This toolkit will increase local government's capacity to manage local air pollution issues.
- Local Air Improvement Projects, \$1,050,000. All pilot-round grants have been completed, with funding provided to councils to conduct projects and develop strategies to reduce air pollution from local sources.
- Small Engines Project, \$200,000. A draft report recommending options for voluntary measures to encourage early adoption of less polluting garden appliances has been developed.
- Combustion Tune Up, \$300,000. A total of 48 businesses in western and south-western Sydney are involved in emissions testing and tune-up of combustion systems.
- Air Emissions Inventory Enhancement, \$400,000. Consultants have been recruited for this project, which will develop a new air emissions inventory for the Greater Metropolitan Region in NSW.

NESB Pesticides Training Program

In 2003, the Trust approved \$1,550,000 for a new program, the Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) Pesticides Training Program. The program assists market gardeners from Arabic, Chinese, Cambodian and Vietnamese backgrounds to undertake training to meet the new requirements introduced under the *Pesticides Act 1999*.

The project consists of two components:

- a \$16,000 program managed by the DEC for the training of bilingual trainers; this has been completed and educational materials are being finalised
- \$1,488,500 for subsidies for NESB growers to undertake approved pesticides training.

Funding is provided to registered training organisations (RTOs) to subsidise the costs of training up to 4000 NESB growers. A first call for applications has led to the allocation of \$298,200 to four RTOs.

Industry Off Park Conservation

The Trust provided \$250,000 in 2003–04 to the DEC Parks and Wildlife Division's Industry Off Park Conservation Project. The project's objectives are to undertake targeted engagement and involvement of industries in voluntary conservation and to support and build capacity for integrated conservation management.

Significant progress has been made towards achieving the project's objectives, including the performance of scoping analyses within the mineral and agricultural industries. Communication plans for both industries have been developed. An operational voluntary conservation document is currently in development for the minerals industry. The project has also identified multiple benefits as a result of engaging stakeholders, but

analysis has found that partnerships with landholders will need time to develop, so a staggering of anticipated milestones has occurred. If continuing negotiations with industry stakeholders prove successful, the total area of NSW covered by Voluntary Conservation Agreements could improve dramatically.

Our Environment – It's a Living Thing Overarching Education Campaign

The Trust provided a further \$2.5 million in 2003–04 to the DEC, bringing its total contribution to this whole-of-government education campaign to \$6.8 million.

A major focus in 2003–04 was on a new Local Government Sustainability Education Partnership. This funds councils to implement integrated sustainability education projects to complement the State-wide activity of recent years.

In 2003–04, further media campaign activity was implemented at the regional and State levels. This year, increased priority was also placed on partnership initiatives, such as resourcing and supporting partner networks' implementation of community education initiatives. This has included partnership work with Neighbourhood Centres, Local Community Services Association, the Scouts, Early Childhood Centres and NESB communities.

Impact of Weirs on Environmental Flows

The Trust provided \$284,600 to NSW Department of Primary Industries (formerly NSW Fisheries), for the first year of a new program: Impact on Environmental Flows, Water Quality and Fish Passage Project. The impact of weirs, dams and regulating structures on aquatic biodiversity is a major contributor to riverine degradation. Building on the 1999 NSW Weir Review, the project aims to undertake detailed reviews at 80 project sites to facilitate future on-ground works. Reviews will address all associated social, ecological, cultural and logistical issues that surround the modification of existing barriers, and they will provide a clear process towards mitigating the environmental impact of barriers. Seed funding will then be provided to carry out modifications at up to four weirs.

To date, 15 weir reviews have commenced, with three of these completed and two sites identified for potential removal of weirs.

Reducing the Impact of Road Crossings on Environmental Flows

The Trust allocated \$479,500 over 2 years to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (formerly NSW Fisheries) for a project on Reducing the Impact of Road Crossings on Environmental Flows, Water Quality and Fish Passage; \$271,760 has been provided for the 2003–04 period.

Road crossings can alter the natural hydrology and sediment transport within rivers, fragment fish populations, and reduce the quality of water and associated riparian vegetation. This project aims to facilitate rehabilitation efforts in this area through identifying and prioritising waterway crossings for action within 12 coastal catchments. It aims to document remedial options at each site and work in partnership with local government to demonstrate best practice techniques for on-ground works. Desktop and field assessment methods have been developed, and negotiations have begun with local government to start on-ground works on selected sites. This has included commitment to the funding of a demonstration site, with several other proposed sites at the detailed-design stage.

Restoration of Habitat of Two Cod Species

The Trust allocated \$400,000 over 2 years to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (formerly NSW Fisheries) for a project on Habitat Rehabilitation for Endangered Eastern Freshwater Cod in the Richmond River Catchment and Trout Cod in the Murray Catchment; \$146,000 has been provided for the 2003–04 period.

The project aims to improve river health by undertaking on-ground works in an Eastern Cod habitat in the Richmond catchment and in a Trout Cod habitat in the Murray or Murrumbidgee catchment. After determining priorities through the mapping of habitat status, a program of aquatic habitat restoration and monitoring will be carried out at both sites.

The project has commenced in the Richmond catchment with extensive investigations on boat access conditions and habitat quality to determine sub-catchments, as well as aerial surveys to provide an overview of the sub-catchment riparian habitat, surrounding land uses, and any barriers to fish passage. The techniques applied within the Richmond catchment will be utilised when works begin in the Murray catchment area.

Acid Sulfate Soils Hot Spot Remediation Program

The Trust previously provided \$2.75 million over 3 years to the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources for the Acid Sulfate Soil Hot Spot Remediation Program. Funding finished in 2002–03, but the Trust approved an extension into 2004 to complete on-ground works and to continue post-works monitoring.

All planned on-ground remediation works have been completed to mitigate the impacts of acid sulfate soils on local water quality at seven key 'hot spot' sites along the NSW coast. Works were carried out at Cudgen Lake (Tweed catchment); Everlasting Swamp (Clarence); Collombatti–Clybucca (Macleay); Upper Maria River (Hastings); Partridge Creek (Hastings); Lower Lansdowne River and Moto – Ghinni Ghinni Creeks (Manning); and Broughton Creek (Shoalhaven). Preliminary results show reductions in acid output and positive changes in water quality pH levels, although further monitoring will provide more definitive information.

NSW Council on Environmental Education

The Trust provided \$75,000 in 2003–04 for the NSW Council on Environmental Education's Effective Sustainability Education Conference.

The conference was developed to improve links between environmental education research and practice, which are identified priorities of the NSW Government's Environmental Education Plan 2002–2005, 'Learning for Sustainability'. The conference aimed to improve access to current research for educators, increase the effectiveness of environmental education programs and determine strategic directions for future research. The conference was held from 18 to 20 February 2004 at the University of New South Wales and was attended by 326 delegates. Evaluation of the conference proceedings revealed that the event offered a unique opportunity to bring together practitioners and academics and improve understanding of participatory action research. It also highlighted the challenges in effectively linking these areas to improve environmental education outcomes in NSW. The conference articulated clear priorities for further environmental education research.

Contaminated Land Management Program

In 2001, The Trust made available up to \$7.5 million over 3 years to assist with the remediation of contaminated sites owned by 'innocent' parties. These are property owners who have unwittingly found themselves responsible for the remediation of serious land contamination because the polluter cannot be found or no longer exists, and the current owner had no association with past activities on the land. The program funds only the remediation of land posing a significant risk of harm. Funding allocated to this program in 2003–04 is outlined in Table 9. Because of the complexity of remediation works, not all grants were paid in full in 2003–04.

Table 9
Contaminated Land Management Program Grants Awarded in 2003-04

Applicant	Property	Amount up to	Details
Department of Commerce (on behalf of individual residents of affected properties)	Former Mudgee gasworks site, Mudgee	\$1,781,236	To implement remediation works
Mrs E Jones	Wilson Street, Newtown	\$104,500	To implement remediation works
Mr P and Mrs B Atwill	Martin Street, Coramba	\$62,850	Preparation of a remediation action plan, including sampling
Wingecarribee City Council on behalf of Mr and Mrs Gasson	Alfred Street, Mittagong	\$387,108	Remediation of site
Total			\$2,335,694

New Major Funding Programs

The Integrated Environmental Program (IEP) is a grants program that encourages greater collaboration between stakeholder groups by funding major projects addressing issues of significant environmental concern in NSW. The program offers 1- to 3-year funding of a minimum of \$0.5 million to projects that employ innovative and diverse strategies and are State-wide or of State significance.

Calls for applications were advertised in November 2003, leading to 165 expressions of interest in Stage 1 of the application process. These were reviewed by a technical committee, and Stage 2 led to invitations for 15 detailed applications, of which 14 were received. These applications covered a wide range of environmental issues, including natural resource management, urban water conservation, air quality and waste management. Funding decisions are scheduled for September 2004.

Emergency Pollution Clean-up Program

The Environmental Trust funds the Emergency Pollution Clean-up Program.

The Trust has delegated authority to nominated officers of the DEC to approve funds for the cleaning-up of pollution in emergencies where no other sources of funds are available to do the work. The funds can also be used, in certain circumstances, for the management of orphan waste material incidents. The Trust does not pay for such work where it can identify a person or organisation responsible for and/or required to clean up the pollution.

The *Environmental Trust Act 1998* stipulates that the maximum amount the Trust can spend on this program in any one financial year is \$0.5 million.

Table 10
Emergency Pollution Clean-up Payments 2003–04

Organisation	Incident	Date of Incident	Amount
A and E Peneera	Removal of hazardous waste, Stephen Street, Blacktown	15/01/2003	\$5,836.48
ABD Demolition	Removal of hazardous waste, Seven Hills	08/02/2003	\$909.10
ABD Demolition	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Archibald Road, Minchinbury	26/06/2003	\$227.27
ABD Demolition	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek	29/08/2003	\$1,000.00
ABD Demolition and Excavation (claim submitted by Blacktown City Council)	Removal of orphan waste, Anvil Road, Seven Hills	24/04/2003	\$700.00
Blacktown City Council	Removal of disposal of hazardous waste, Rooty Hill	28/10/2002	\$2,725.00
Bradshaw Waste	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Kemps Creek	07/03/2003	\$1,779.95
Bradshaw Waste	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Greendale Road Bringelly, Kelvin Park Bringelly and Herley Avenue Rossmore	28/04/2003 + 13/05/2003	\$1,017.70
Cleanaway	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Angourie Beach	06/07/2003	\$820.00
Cleanaway	Clean-up of chemical spill, Riverina Highway, Howlong	24/12/2003	\$437.50
Cleanaway	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Liverpool	22/01/2004	\$145.00
Cleanaway	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Bringelly and Rossmore	28/04/2003 + 13/05/2003	\$495.00
Cleanaway Industrial Waste	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste dumped at One Steel, Kellog Road, Rooty Hill	24/01/2003	\$235.00
Cleanaway Industrial Waste	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Seven Mile Beach, near Bouddi	24/02/2003	\$235.00

Table 10 Continued
Emergency Pollution Clean-up Payments 2003-04

Organisation	Incident	Date of Incident	Amount
Cleanaway Industrial Waste (claim submitted by Parramatta City Council)	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, George Street, Clyde	09/01/2003	\$318.00
Coffs Harbour City Council	Clean-up of contaminated water, Orara River, Coramba	26/07/2002	\$2,517.00
Coffs Harbour City Council	Clean-up of contaminated water, Orara River, Coramba	26/07/2002	\$1,750.00
Coffs Harbour City Council	Clean-up of contaminated water, Orara River, Coramba	26/07/2002	\$4,500.00
Coffs Harbour City Council	Clean-up of contaminated water, Orara River, Coramba	26/07/2002	\$1,000.00
Collex	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, cnr of The Boulevard and Princes Highway, Kirrawee	24/03/2003	\$330.00
CWDS	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Terminus Road, Seven Hills	28/11/2003	\$1,525.91
Eames Bobcat and Excavator Hire	Clean-up of chemical spill, Riverina Highway, Howlong	21/12/2003	\$140.00
Envirorent	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Lachlan Street, Forbes	24/04/2003	\$600.00
Fairfield City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Seville Street, Fairfield East	13/05/2003	\$1,200.00
Fairfield City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Duff Road, Cecil Park	08/08/2003	\$1,280.00
Fairfield City Council	Clean-up of hydrocarbon film on surface of Burns Creek, Malta Street, Fairfield	27/11/2003	\$958.40
Fairfield City Council	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Baragoola Street, Canley Heights	13/01/2004	\$2,000.00
Fairfield City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Elizabeth Drive, Cecil Park	25/05/2004	\$2,800.00
Fairfield City Council	Clean-up of oil spill, Burns Creek, East Fairfield	05/04/2004	\$1,396.00
Fairfield City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Lisbon Street, Fairfield East	06/04/2004	\$603.70
Fairfield City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Trivet Street, Horsley Park	19/05/2004	\$900.00
Hawkesbury City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Terrace Road, North Richmond	02/07/2003	\$1,822.50
Hawkesbury City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Scheyville Road, Scheyville	01/09/2003	\$1,467.85
Hawkesbury City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Parker Road, Blaxlands Ridge	17/09/2003	\$2,238.50

Table 10 Continued
Emergency Pollution Clean-up Payments 2003-04

Organisation	Incident	Date of Incident	Amount
Hawkesbury City Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Terrace Road, North Richmond	12/03/2004	\$560.00
Hawkesbury City Council	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave	23/06/2003	\$1,400.00
Holroyd City Council	Clean-up of hazardous waste, Prospect Creek, from Smithfield to Fairfield	04/11/2002	\$1,950.00
Hume Shire Council	Clean-up of chemical spill, Riverina Highway, Howlong	24/12/2003	\$359.09
Penrith City Council	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Station Street, Penrith	19/12/2003	\$375.33
Penrith City Council	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Luddenham Road, Luddenham	20/04/2004	\$252.27
Usshers Waste	Clean-up after fire at Absolute Tyre and Rubber Recycling Pty Ltd, 40 Loftus Street, Riverstone	08/06/2003	\$11,934.00
Waste Services	Removal and disposal of polluted water after furniture factory fire, Military Road, Yennora	30/10/2003	\$29,144.00
Wayne Eames Bobcat and Excavator Hire	Clean-up chemical spill on Riverina Highway	24/12/2003	\$140.00
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Removal and disposal of hazardous waste, Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale	16/11/2003	\$475.00
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Removal and disposal of asbestos waste, Rowlands Road, Kangaloon	06/02/2004	\$180.00
Total			\$92,680.55

Table 11
Emergency Pollution Clean-up Reimbursements 2003-04

Organisation	Incident	Date of Incident	Amount
Absolute Tyre and Rubber Recycling (CGU Insurance Limited)	Recovery of payment relating to fire at Absolute Tyre and Rubber Recycling plant, Riverstone. Trust paid Usshers Waste on 23/07/2003.	08/06/2003	-\$11,934.00
Total			-\$11,934.00



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

To Members of the New South Wales Parliament

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Environmental Trust:

- (a) presents fairly the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2004 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, and
- (b) complies with section 41B of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (the Act).

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

The Trustees' Role

The financial report is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Environmental Trust. It consists of the statement of financial position, the statement of financial performance, the statement of cash flows and the accompanying notes.

The Auditor's Role and the Audit Scope

As required by the Act, I carried out an independent audit to enable me to express an opinion on the financial report. My audit provides *reasonable assurance* to Members of the New South Wales Parliament that the financial report is free of *material* misstatement.

My audit accorded with Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards and statutory requirements, and I:

- evaluated the accounting policies and significant accounting estimates used by the Trustees in preparing the financial report, and
- examined a sample of the evidence that supports the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report.

An audit does *not* guarantee that every amount and disclosure in the financial report is error free. The terms 'reasonable assurance' and 'material' recognise that an audit does not examine all evidence and transactions. However, the audit procedures used should identify errors or omissions significant enough to adversely affect decisions made by users of the financial report or indicate that Trustees had not fulfilled their reporting obligations.

My opinion does *not* provide assurance:

- about the future viability of the Environmental Trust,
- that it has carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically, or
- about the effectiveness of its internal controls.

Audit Independence

The Audit Office complies with all applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements. The Act further promotes independence by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General, and
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of public sector agencies but precluding the provision of non-audit services, thus ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office are not compromised in their role by the possibility of losing clients or income.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R J Sendt".

R J Sendt
Auditor-General


SYDNEY
29 October 2004

Environmental Trust
Statement by Members of the Trust

Pursuant to section 41C (1C) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* and in accordance with a resolution of the Environmental Trust, we state that:

- (a) The accompanying financial statements exhibit a true and fair view of the financial position of the Environmental Trust as at 30 June 2004 and the transactions for the period then ended.
- (b) The statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, the Public Finance and Audit Regulation 2000, and the Treasurer's Directions.

Further, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars included in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.



Bob Debus MP
Chairperson



Lisa Corbyn
Secretary

Start of Audited Financial Statements

Environmental Trust
Statement of Financial Performance
for the year ended 30 June 2004

	Notes	Actual 2004 \$'000	Budget 2004 \$'000	Actual 2003 \$'000
Expenses				
Operating expenses				
Employee related	2(a)	335	315	267
Other operating expenses	2(b)	81	182	130
Grants and subsidies	2(c)	18,785	18,822	16,741
Total Expenses		19,201	19,319	17,138
Less:				
Retained Revenue				
Investment income	3(a)	1,707	1,059	1,651
Other revenue	3(b)	148	2	66
Total Retained Revenue		1,855	1,061	1,717
NET COST OF SERVICES	14	17,346	18,258	15,421
Government Contributions				
Recurrent appropriation	4(a)	15,603	15,603	15,225
Acceptance by the Crown Entity of employee benefits and other liabilities	4(b)	11	-	17
Total Government Contributions		15,614	15,603	15,242
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(1,732)	(2,655)	(179)
TOTAL REVENUES, EXPENSES AND VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN EQUITY		-	-	-
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY OTHER THAN THOSE RESULTING FROM TRANSACTIONS WITH OWNERS AS OWNERS		(1,732)	(2,655)	(179)

The accompanying notes form part of these statements.

Environmental Trust
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2004

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Actual 2004 \$'000</i>	<i>Budget 2004 \$'000</i>	<i>Actual 2003 \$'000</i>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash	6	38,974	38,352	40,614
Receivables	7	897	439	884
Total Current Assets		39,871	38,791	41,498
Total Assets		39,871	38,791	41,498
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Payables	8	1,673	443	1,528
Provisions	9	14	38	26
Total Current Liabilities		1,687	481	1,554
Non-Current Liabilities				
Provisions	9	8	-	36
Total Non-Current Liabilities		8	-	36
Total Liabilities		1,695	481	1,590
Net Assets		38,176	38,310	39,908
EQUITY				
Accumulated funds	10	38,176	38,310	39,908
Total Equity		38,176	38,310	39,908

The accompanying notes form part of these statements.

Environmental Trust
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2004

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Actual 2004 \$'000</i>	<i>Budget 2004 \$'000</i>	<i>Actual 2003 \$'000</i>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Payments				
Employee related		(326)	(315)	(246)
Grants and subsidies		(18,651)	(18,822)	(17,381)
Other		(529)	(432)	(155)
Total Payments		(19,506)	(19,569)	(17,782)
Receipts				
Interest received		1,694	1,059	1,568
Other		569	252	420
Total Receipts		2,263	1,311	1,988
Cash Flows from Government				
Recurrent appropriation		15,603	15,603	15,225
Acceptance by the Crown Entity of employee benefits and other liabilities			-	17
Net Cash Flows from Government		15,603	15,603	15,242
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	14	(1,640)	(2,655)	(552)
NET INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN CASH		(1,640)	(2,655)	(552)
Opening cash and cash equivalents		40,614	41,007	41,166
Cash transferred in on creation of the Environmental Trust				
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		38,974	38,352	40,614

The accompanying notes form part of these statements.

Environmental Trust
Summary of Compliance with Financial Directives

	2004				2003			
	Recurrent Appropriation \$'000	Expenditure/ Net Claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000	Capital Appropriation \$'000	Expenditure/ Net Claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000	Recurrent Appropriation \$'000	Expenditure/ Net Claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000	Capital Appropriation \$'000	Expenditure/ Net Claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000
ORIGINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION/ EXPENDITURE								
- Appropriation Act	15,603	15,603			15,225	15,225		
- Additional appropriations								
- s.21A PF&AA – (special appropriation)								
- s.24 PF&AA – transfers of functions between departments								
- s.26 PF&AA – Commonwealth specific purpose payments								
	15,603	15,603			15,225	15,225		
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS/ EXPENDITURE								
- Treasurer's Advance								
- s.22 – expenditure for certain works and services								
- Transfers from another agency – s.26 of the Appropriation Act								
	-	-			-	-		
Total Appropriations/ Expenditure/Net Claim on Consolidated Fund (includes transfer payments)	15,603	15,603			15,225	15,225		
		15,603				15,225		
Amount drawn down against appropriation		15,603				15,225		
Liability to Consolidated Fund		-				-		

The summary of compliance is based on the assumption that Consolidated Fund moneys are spent first (except where otherwise identified or prescribed).

Environmental Trust
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting Entity

The Environmental Trust, as a reporting entity, comprises the normal operating activities of the Environmental Trust, namely, supporting the environment.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The Environmental Trust's financial statements are a general purpose financial report which has been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), Urgent Issues Group (UIG) Consensus Views, the requirements of the Public Finance and Audit Act and Regulations, and the Financial Reporting Directions published in the Financial Reporting Code for Budget Dependant General Government Sector Agencies or issued by the Treasurer under section 9(2)(n) of the Act.

Where there are inconsistencies between the above requirements, the legislative provisions have prevailed.

In the absence of a specific Accounting Standard, other authoritative pronouncement of the AASB or UIG Consensus View, the hierarchy of other pronouncements as outlined in AAS6 *Accounting Policies* is considered.

Except for certain investments, which are recorded at valuation, the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. All amounts are rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars and are expressed in Australian currency. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when: the Environmental Trust has control of the good or right to receive; it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Environmental Trust; and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. All of the Environmental Trust's revenue arises from its operating activities. When the unused part of a grant is returned to the Environmental Trust, it is recognised as other income. Additional comments regarding the accounting policies for the recognition of revenue are discussed below.

(i) Parliamentary Appropriations and Contributions from Other Bodies

Parliamentary appropriations and contributions from other bodies (including grants and donations) are generally recognised as revenues when the Environmental Trust obtains control over the assets comprising the appropriations/contributions. Control over appropriations and contributions is normally obtained upon the receipt of cash.

An exception to the above is when appropriations are unspent at year end. In this case, the authority to spend the money lapses and generally the unspent amount must be repaid to the Consolidated Fund in the following financial year. As a result, unspent appropriations are accounted for as liabilities rather than revenue.

(ii) Investment Income

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues.

(d) Employee Benefits and other provisions

(i) Salaries and Wages, Annual Leave, Sick Leave and On-Costs

Liabilities for salaries and wages (including non-monetary benefits), annual leave and vesting sick leave are recognised and measured in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date at nominal amounts based on the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Unused non-vesting sick leave does not give rise to a liability as it is not considered probable that sick leave taken in the future will be greater than the benefits accrued in the future. The outstanding amounts of payroll tax, workers' compensation insurance premiums and fringe benefits tax, which are consequential to employment, are recognised as liabilities and expenses where the employee benefits to which they relate have been recognised.

(ii) Long service leave and superannuation

The Trust's liabilities for long service leave and superannuation are assumed by the Crown Entity, except for certain on-costs which are included in the Trust's liabilities. The Trust accounts for the Crown Entity liability as having been extinguished, resulting in the amount assumed being shown as part of the non-monetary revenue item described as 'Acceptance by the Crown Entity of employee benefits and other liabilities'.

The superannuation expense for the financial year is determined using the formulae specified in the Treasurer's Directions. The expense for certain superannuation schemes (i.e. Basic Benefit and First State Super) is calculated as a percentage of the employee's salary. For other superannuation schemes (i.e. State Superannuation Scheme and State Authorities Superannuation Scheme), the expense is calculated as a multiple of the employees' superannuation contributions.

(iii) Other Provisions

Other provisions exist when the Trust has legal, equitable or constructive obligation to make a future sacrifice of economic benefits to other entities as a result of past transactions and other past events. These provisions are recognised when it is probable that a future sacrifice of economic benefits will be required and the amount can be reliably measured.

(e) Receivables

Receivables are recognised and carried at the original invoice amount less a provision for any uncollectable debts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

(f) Accounting for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except:

- the amount of GST incurred by the Environmental Trust as a purchaser that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense.
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

2004 2003
\$'000 \$'000

2. Expenses

(a) Employee related expenses comprise the following specific items:

Salaries and wages (including recreation leave)	324	241
Superannuation	11	17
Long service leave	-	9
	<u>335</u>	<u>267</u>

(b) Other operating expenses:

Auditor's remuneration-audit of financial report	12	11
Minor plant, stores and supplies	1	2
Fees and services	38	39
Travel	3	9
General administration	27	69
	<u>81</u>	<u>130</u>

(c) Grants and subsidies:

Grants provided to state and local governments	13,985	9,413
Grants provided to community/school groups	1,974	2,224
Grants provided to Consolidated Fund for initiatives under the <i>Forestry Restructuring and Nature Conservation Act 1995</i>	2,826	5,104
	<u>18,785</u>	<u>16,741</u>

3. Revenues

(a) Investment Income

Interest on bank account	1,707	1,651
	<u>1,707</u>	<u>1,651</u>

(b) Other revenue

Other	148	66
	<u>148</u>	<u>66</u>

2004
\$'000

2003
\$'000

4. Appropriations

(a) Recurrent appropriations

Total recurrent drawdowns from Treasury (per Summary of Compliance)	15,603	15,225
Total	15,603	15,225

Comprising:

Recurrent appropriations (per Statement of Financial Performance)	15,603	15,225
Total	15,603	15,225

(b) Acceptance by the Crown Entity of employee entitlements and other liabilities

The following liabilities and/or expenses have
been assumed by the Crown Entity or
other Government agencies:

Superannuation	11	17
	11	17

5. Programs/Activities of the Environmental Trust

The Environmental Trust had only one program in 2003-04.

(a) Program 1 Support of the Environment

To encourage and support environmental restoration and rehabilitation projects.

6. Current Assets: cash

Cash at bank and on hand	38,974	40,614
	38,974	40,614

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and cash at bank.
Cash assets recognised in the Statement of Financial Position are reconciled to cash at the end
of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows as follows:

Closing cash and cash equivalents	38,974	40,614
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	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000
7. Current Assets: receivables and prepayments		
Interest receivable	860	834
GST claimable	37	50
	<u>897</u>	<u>884</u>
No provision for doubtful debts has been made as all amounts are considered to be collectable.		
8. Current Liabilities: Payables		
Creditors	1,656	1,511
Accrued Salaries	-	6
Accrued expenses	17	11
	<u>1,673</u>	<u>1,528</u>
9. Current / Non-Current Liabilities: Provisions		
Employee benefits and related on-costs		
Recreation leave	13	24
Long service leave	9	38
Total Employee benefits and related on-costs	<u>22</u>	<u>62</u>
Aggregate employee benefits and related on-costs		
Provisions – current	14	26
Provisions – non-current	8	36
Accrued salaries, wages and on-costs (Note 8)	-	6
	<u>22</u>	<u>68</u>
10. Changes in Equity		
Accumulated Funds		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	(39,908)	(40,087)
<u>Changes in equity –</u>		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,732	179
Total	<u>1,732</u>	<u>179</u>
Balance at the end of the financial year	<u>(38,176)</u>	<u>(39,908)</u>

2004
\$'000

2003
\$'000

11. Commitments for Expenditure

(a) Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 30 June 2004 (2003 – nil).

(b) Operating expenditure commitments

The Fund's commitments totalling approximately \$9.7 million (2003 – \$ Nil) for the funding of Trust's environmental initiatives are proposed to be financed from future funding provided by the NSW Government. The commitments are as follows:

Not later than one year

State and Local Government Grants	3,873	-
Community Grants and Other	3,171	-
	<u>7,044</u>	<u>-</u>

Later than one year but not later than five years

State and Local Government Grants	2,344	-
Community Grants and Other	281	-
	<u>2,625</u>	<u>-</u>

12. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2004 (2003 – Nil)

13. Budget Review

Net Cost of Services

The actual net cost of services was \$17.34 million or 5% lower than budget. This was primarily due to the issue of grants less than budget estimates and the receipt of higher investment income than budget.

Assets and Liabilities

Total assets were \$1.080 million higher than budget and total liabilities were \$1.214 million higher than budget. These variances were primarily due to the timing of payments associated with the *Forestry Restructuring and Nature Conservation Act 1995*.

Cash Flows

The increase in cash holdings was \$0.622 higher than budget. This was primarily due to the delay of expected expenditure under the *Forestry Restructuring and Nature Conservation Act 1995*.

2004
\$'000

2003
\$'000

14. Reconciliation of Net Cost of Services to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net cost of services	(17,346)	(15,421)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase/(decrease) in creditors, provisions and accrued expenses:		
Employee entitlements	(40)	15
Payables	145	(295)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables:	(13)	(94)
Cash Flows from Government	15,614	15,242
Total Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(1,640)	(552)

15. Financial Instruments

(a) Cash

Cash comprises cash on hand and bank balances within the Treasury Banking System. Interest is earned on daily bank balances at the monthly average NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) 11am unofficial cash rate adjusted for a management fee to Treasury. The average interest rate during the year was 4.25% and the interest rate at the end of the year was 4.25%.

(b) Receivables

All trade debtors are recognised as amounts receivable at balance date. Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised when some doubt as to collection exists. The credit risk is the carrying amount (net of any provision for doubtful debts). No interest is earned on trade debtors. The carrying amount approximates net fair value.

These investments are generally able to be redeemed with 24 hours notice. The value of the investments held can decrease as well as increase depending upon market conditions. The value that best represents the maximum credit risk exposure is the net fair value. The value of the above investments represent the Environmental Trust's share of the underlying assets of the facility and those assets are stated at net fair value.

(c) Bank Overdraft

The Environmental Trust does not have any bank overdraft facility.

(d) Trade Creditors and Accruals

The liabilities are recognised for amounts due to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not invoiced. Amounts owing to suppliers (which are unsecured) are settled in accordance with the policy set out in Treasurer's Direction 219.01. If trade terms are not specified, payment is made no later than the end of the month following the month in which an invoice or a statement is received. Treasurer's Direction 219.01 allows the Minister to award interest for late payment. No interest was awarded during the year.

16. Adopting International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

(a) Explanation of how the transition to AIFRS is being managed :-

The Trust will apply the Australian Equivalents to International Financial reporting standards (AIFRS) from the reporting period beginning 1 July 2005.

The transition is being managed by allocating internal resources and/or engaging consultants (where required) to analyse the pending standards and Urgent Issues Group Abstracts to identify key areas regarding policies, procedures, systems and financial impacts affected by the transition. As a result of this exercise, the Fund has taken the following steps to manage the transition to the new standards:

- The Trust AIFRS Project Steering Committee, headed by Executive Director, Corporate Services (DEC) is overseeing the transition. The Project Working Group is responsible for the project and reports regularly to the Committee on progress against the plan.
- The following phases that need to be undertaken have been identified:
 - Phase 1 – Establish a project team to implement the AIFRS.
 - Phase 2 – Identify key areas of impact on accounting and reporting, operational issues, systems, controls and policies including implementation timetable.
 - Phase 3 – Development of any necessary systems, policies and procedures and training requirements.
 - Phase 4 – Implementation of the AIFRS and post implementation review.
- To date, the following phases have been or are being implemented:
 - Phase 1 – A project team has been established and meets regularly.
 - Phase 2 – This phase is currently in train and is expected it will be finalised as the new standards are issued, assessed and Treasury preferred option is adopted by the Department.

NSW Treasury is assisting agencies to manage the transition by developing policies, including mandates of options; presenting training seminars to all agencies; providing a website with up-to-date information to keep agencies informed of any new developments; and establishing an IAS Agency Reference Panel to facilitate a collaborative approach to manage the change.

(b) Key Differences in Accounting Policies

The Trust has identified a number of key differences in accounting policies that will arise from adopting AIFRS. Some differences arise because AIFRS requirements are different from the existing AASB requirements. Other differences could arise from options in AIFRS. To ensure consistency at the whole of government level, NSW Treasury has advised the Department of options it is likely to mandate, and will confirm these during 2004/05. This disclosure reflects these likely mandates. The Trust's accounting policies may also be affected by a proposed standard designed to harmonise accounting standards with Government Finance Statistics (GFS). This standard is likely to change the impact of AIFRS and significantly affect the presentation of the income statement. However, the impact is uncertain, because it depends on when this standard is finalised and whether it can be adopted in 2005/06.

Based on current information, the following key differences in accounting policies are expected to arise from adopting AIFRS:

- AASB 1 First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards requires retrospective application of the new AIFRS from 1 July 2004, with limited exemptions. Similarly, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors requires voluntary changes in accounting policy and correction of errors to be accounted for retrospectively by restating comparatives and adjusting the opening balance of accumulated funds. This differs from current Australian requirements, because such changes must be recognised in the current period through profit or loss, unless a new standard mandates otherwise.

- AASB 118 Revenue this will be a major area of change for the Department. As an inner Budget Sector agency, the Department will implement the accounting treatment mandated by NSW Treasury.
- AASB 120 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance applies to for-profit entities only. Entities will either apply the current AASB 120 or early adopt a revised AASB 120, based on the grant requirements in AASB 141 Agriculture. The current AASB 120 spreads income recognition over the period necessary to match related costs. A revised AASB 120 based on AASB 141 is likely to require revenue recognition conditions are satisfied. Both of these alternatives may have the effect of delaying revenue recognition.
- AASB 1004 Contributions applies to not-for-profit entities only. Entities will either continue to apply the current requirements in AASB 1004 where grants are normally recognised on receipt, or alternatively apply the proposals on grants included in ED 125 Financial Reporting by Local Governments. If the ED 125 approach is applied, revenue and/or expense recognition will be delayed until the agency supplies the related good and services (where grants are in-substance agreements for the provision of goods and services) or until conditions are satisfied.

End of Audited Financial Statements

Additional Information

Public Access

Members of the public may obtain further information on the Environmental Trust by contacting:

Grants Administrator

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SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

Telephone: (02) 9995 5369

Information on Trust Grant Programs is also available on the Trust's website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust

Offices

The Trust's offices are located at:

Level 16

59–61 Goulburn Street

SYDNEY NSW

The offices are open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

In October 2004 the Trust relocated to Parramatta. The new address is:

Level 2

1 Fitzwilliam Street

PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Phone (02) 8837 6093

Reception hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Publications

The following publications are available from the Trust:

Guidelines and Grant Application forms for all 2004 programs

Environmental Trust Annual Reports 1992–93 to 2002–03.

550 copies have been produced of the 2003–04 report at an external production cost of approximately \$6.80 per copy.

The report is also available at the Trust's website www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust

Freedom of Information

There was one freedom of information request in the 2003–04 financial year.

Documents held by the Trust fall into three categories:

- publications
- working files
- grant applications.

Publications are freely available. The other types of documents are available as set out in the *Freedom of Information Act 1999*. Any member of the public who wishes to obtain documents under the Freedom of Information (FOI) provisions should contact the FOI/Privacy Officer at DEC on (02) 9995 5000.

Appendix 1

Membership of the Environmental Trust and Committees

As defined in Section 6 of the Environmental Trust Act 1998, the Trust consists of five members. They are:

- Minister for the Environment (as Chairperson)
- Secretary of NSW Treasury
- Director General of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)
- a person appointed by the Minister from a panel of three nominated by the Nature Conservation Council (NCC)
- a person appointed by the Minister from a panel of three nominated by the Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW.

The Trust met twice in 2003–04.

Members of the Environmental Trust and Meeting Attendance

Member	Position	Meetings attended by member or deputy	Meetings eligible to attend
Hon. Bob Debus MP	(Chairperson) Minister for the Environment (statutory appointment)	2	2
Mr John Pierce	Secretary of NSW Treasury (statutory appointment)		
Deputy 1:			
Ms Elizabeth Dewar	Director, Natural Resources and Environment Branch, NSW Treasury	0	2
Deputy 2:			
Mr Ross Edwards	Principal Advisor, Natural Resources and Environment Branch, NSW Treasury	1	
Ms Lisa Corbyn	(Secretary) Director General, DEC (statutory appointment)	2	2
Mr Rob Pallin	<i>Representing the Nature Conservation Council of NSW</i>	2	2
Cr Peter Woods	<i>Representing the Local Government Association of NSW</i>	1	2
Deputy:			
Mr Robert Verhey	Strategy Manager – Environment, Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW	1	

Technical Committee Membership

Under Section 9 of the Act, the Trust has established several technical review committees.

Membership of each Committee during 2003-04 is set out below:

Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Program

Mr Joe Woodward (Chairperson)

Executive Director Operations, DEC

Mr Robert Verhey

Strategy Manager - Environment, Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW

Dr Greg Bowman

Principal Scientist, Centre for Natural Resources, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources

Dr Lynn Webber

Manager Education and Community Involvement Unit, Parks and Wildlife Division, DEC

Ms Ellen O'Brien

Principal, Envirostrategy (Representative of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW)

Mr David Grant

Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers (industry representative)

Mr Peter Dixon

President, Australian Association of Bush Regenerators

Mr Robert Clegg

*Indigenous Land Management Facilitator, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources
(indigenous representative)*

Environmental Education Program

Ms Jeanne Walker (Chairperson)

Director Community Education, DEC

Ms Walker's deputy: Mr Mick O'Flynn,

Director, Cleaner Industry and Environmental Trust, DEC

Dr Daniella Tilbury

Senior Lecturer in Environmental Education and Sustainable Development

Graduate School of the Environment, Macquarie University

(Australian Association for Environmental Education representative)

Ms Maree McCaskill

Chief Executive Officer, Beverage Industry Environmental Council (industry representative)

Dr Lynn Webber

Manager, Education and Community Involvement Unit, Parks and Wildlife Division, DEC

Mr Robert Verhey

Strategy Manager - Environment, Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW

Ms Jane Smith

Executive Officer, Central Coast Community Environment Network (Nature Conservation Council representative)

Mr Vince Scarcella

*Senior Education Officer, Education and Community Programs Unit, Parks and Wildlife Division, DEC
(indigenous representative)*

Environmental Research Program

Dr Klaus Koop

Director, Environment and Conservation Science, DEC

Dr Judy Henderson

Chair of Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and member of EPA Board (Community representative)

Environmental Research Program (continued)

Dr John Keniry

Director, Ridley Corporation and member of EPA Board

(Industry representative)

Associate Professor Stephen Schnierer

School of Environmental Science and Management, Southern Cross University

(indigenous community representative)

Protecting Our Places Program

Mr Mick O'Flynn (Chairperson)

Director, Cleaner Industry and Environmental Trust, DEC

Mr Michael Duncan

Cultural Heritage Coordinator, Parks and Wildlife Division, DEC

Mr Cliff Daylight

Aboriginal Boards and Committees Coordinator, Department of Infrastructure,

Planning and Natural Resources

Mr James Ingram

Coordinator, Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council (community representative)

Mr Lindon Coombes

Aboriginal Policy Officer, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Mr John Lennis

Aboriginal Environment and Cultural Education Officer, Gandangarra Local Aboriginal Land Council

(representing NSW Aboriginal Land Council)

Eco Schools Program Technical Sub-committee

Mr Geoff Young (Chairperson)

Manager Community Education Unit, DEC

Mr Syd Smith

Chief Education Officer, Environmental Education Unit, NSW Department of Education and Training

Ms Janelle Hatherly

Community Education Manager, Botanic Gardens Trust, Sydney

Ms Wendy Kinsella

Australian Association of Bush Regenerators

Integrated Environmental Program

Mr Robert Pallin (Chairperson)

Trust Member and Community representative

Dr John Keniry

Industry representative and member of Research Technical Committee

Mr Bill Gillooly

Secretary General, Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW

(Local government representative)

Associate Professor Stephen Schnierer

School of Environmental Science and Management, Southern Cross University

(Indigenous community representative)

Mr Bernard Carlon

Director Education Services and Community Programs, DEC

Mr Joe Woodward

Executive Director Operations, DEC

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