

Long Term Capital and Operational Plan (LTCOP) – Frequently asked questions

Greater Sydney Water Strategy – overview

What is the LTCOP?

The Long Term Capital and Operational Plan (LTCOP) is Sydney Water's optimal investment pathway, capturing our key infrastructure and operational decisions to 2050. Our initial focus is on the next 10 years.

The LTCOP ensures our services adapt to a growing number of customers and their rising expectations, as well as climate volatility, a changing regulatory environment and evolving technology. This plan is a major milestone in Sydney Water's 135-year history.

Why is Sydney Water undertaking this extensive plan?

Investing now and in a new way ensures we serve our customers and the communities in which they live in the most effective way as we contribute to thriving, liveable and sustainable cities through the following objectives:

- ensuring we deliver resilient and reliable services
- integrated servicing of infrastructure to deliver long-term value for customers
- maximising community value through healthy waterways and parks
- embedding circular economy principles across our planning, delivery and operations.

How long will it take to deliver the LTCOP?

Our initial timeline is 10 years. The LTCOP is a long-term adaptive plan, meaning the plan will adapt over time to changes in assumptions and priorities as well as future trends and challenges affecting the delivery of our services.

How much will the long-term plan cost?

Over the next 10 years, Sydney Water will invest about \$34 billion, with an annual average capital spend of around \$3.4 billion.

What projects will be delivered over the initial 10-year period?

We plan the following projects between now and 2033:

- Upper Nepean Advanced Water Resource Recovery Facility

- Purified Recycled Water Schemes at Liverpool, Glenfield and Quakers Hill
- Camelia Water Resource Recovery Facility
- Upper South Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility

What's in it for our customers?

Our customers can be assured that every dollar spent on projects included in the long-term plan aligns with their priorities, which they have delivered directly to us as part of our unique approach to customer engagement, Our Water, Our Voice.

Climate change and a growing population have increased demand for our services. The way in which we deliver our services to meet these demands must change in response to the aspirations of our customers and the communities in which they live. The LTCOP outlines how we will meet their rising expectations and support their vision of a thriving, liveable and sustainable Greater Sydney.

How do we know this is the best way forward?

The LTCOP has been strongly tested and independently reviewed. It will support our growing cities and ensure a resilient and reliable water supply for Greater Sydney for generations. It captures our infrastructure needs and guiding principles to ensure Greater Sydney is thriving, liveable and sustainable for generations to come.

What's next?

The LTCOP will be updated in the coming 12 months to support and align to our next IPART price determination. The LTCOP will then undergo a major update every five years as well as a review each year.