



CRC for
Water Sensitive Cities



Water Sensitive
Cities Index

How water sensitive is your city?

Imagine being able to benchmark your town, city, or region, and then compare the water sensitivity of every city across the globe. Boosting knowledge, empowerment, and accountability, this tool will help cities measure and manage their progress towards being more sustainable, productive, resilient, and liveable.

The
Cooperative
Research Centre
for Water Sensitive
Cities Index will
show you.



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What is the Water Sensitive Cities Index?

The Index will help organisations to:

- understand their current water sensitive performance
- set targets
- model the impact of potential management responses
- track progress over time
- collaborate more effectively with other government and industry organisations.



Delivering tailored results

Users can sort the data according to their particular interest. The Index can rate city performance using seven Index goals, or generate results based on sustainability, resilience, liveability, and productivity outcomes. Users can model management actions against indicators to set targets and develop strategies.

Currently developed to a beta version after two years of prototyping and piloting, the Index is undergoing a limited roll-out in Australia and internationally. Further development, including a rigorous industry validation phase, and eventual worldwide release are soon to come.

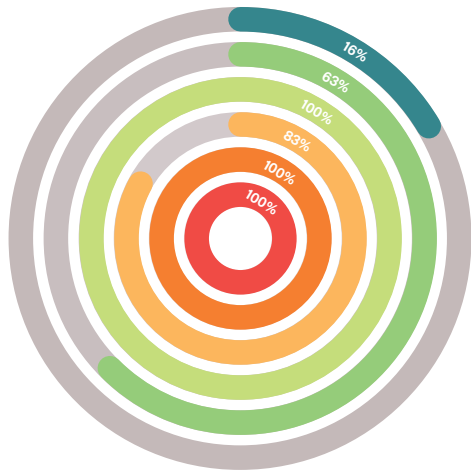
Find out how the Index can help you by visiting:

<https://watersensitivecities.org.au/solutions/water-sensitive-cities-index/>



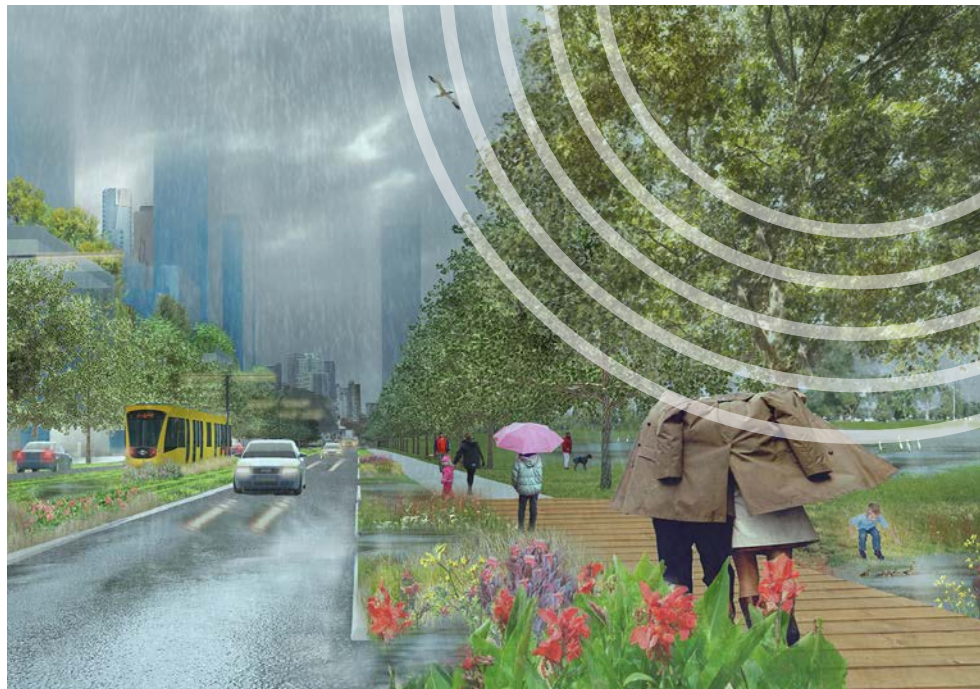
A user-friendly tool

The Index is accessed through a web platform with powerful functionality for visualising results. It delivers data that can be simply dropped into reports, communications materials, or business cases. Designed in collaboration with industry partners, the Index is functional, reliable, and scientifically robust.



- Water Sensitive City — **16%**
- Water Cycle City — **63%**
- Waterway City — **100%**
- Drained City — **83%**
- Sewered City — **100%**
- Water Supply City — **100%**

WSC Index benchmarking result represented in a concentric bar graph using the City State Continuum framework.



Who the Index benefits

Policy makers, local and state governments, water service providers, research organisations, consultancies, land developers, and the community can all use the Index for benchmarking and developing water sensitive city strategies.

Cities both large and small can be evaluated based on their performance against a range of urban water indicators that characterise a water sensitive city, such as:

- Do the city's existing practices give equitable access to a safe and secure water supply?
- Do they improve the health of the environment?
- Do they enable effective planning and design, so people will enjoy the cities they live in?

The Index relies on cross-organisational knowledge sharing and collaboration that will strengthen industry relationships and support the understanding and uptake of more water sensitive management practices at the city scale.

Learn more about the Water Sensitive Cities Index and how to benchmark your city by visiting:

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