



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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130 TREES PLANTED FOR KURRAJONG KOALAS

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston today planted the first of 100,000 trees that will be sown across Greater Sydney over the next two years in a partnership between the NSW Government and Landcare NSW.

Ms Preston joined Landcare NSW CEO Dr Adrian Zammit and a group of volunteers to plant 130 trees in Kurrajong Hills as part of the Government's initiative to green Greater Sydney by planting one million trees over the next two years.

"It is important for the koala population in Kurrajong that we help these creatures thrive by restoring the koala corridor by planting their food tree species and removing weeds," Ms Preston said.

"Greening our neighbourhoods and backyards is integral to our community's health and wellbeing and the protection and resilience of our native plants and animals.

"More tree canopy means more shade, cooler suburbs and habitats for our beautiful wildlife.

"That's why the NSW Government has teamed up with Landcare NSW and invested \$2.1 million to plant 100,000 new trees across Greater Sydney by 2022 to expand the city's green canopy."

Landcare NSW CEO Dr Adrian Zammit said the project will help support the development of green spaces across Greater Sydney.

"With the support of the Greater Sydney Landcare Network, we will be planting 100,000 trees across Greater Sydney from 2020 – 2022. This will help grow native canopy to cool our city with Landcare helping landowners and community members participate in tree planting activities," Dr Zammit said.

"We will bring the skills and dedication of our extensive networks to help meet these ambitious goals. The expertise of Landcare will be important in ensuring that appropriate sites are chosen, landholders are provided with correct advice on tree choice and long-term maintenance, and trees are planted with the best chance of surviving.

"We will work directly with landowners and local native nurseries in identifying the most appropriate tree species to be planted for each site."

To date, more than 300,000 trees have been planted across Greater Sydney as part of the Greening our City Premier's Priority to increase tree canopy and green cover across Greater Sydney by planting one million trees by 2022.

For more information visit <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city>