## Water sensitive urban design

Monitoring and managing privately owned systems

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#### Introduction

#### **Privately owned WSUD**

Privately owned WSUD systems contribute to water quality outcomes of our waterways.

#### **Compliance program overview**

Blacktown City Council implements a program for inspection and maintenance of privately-owned WSUD systems.

#### Scale and impact

Over 1000 private properties in Blacktown City have WSUD systems with an estimated 5000 individual devices.

#### Council's leadership

We are committed to proactively monitoring and managing privately owned systems for long-term environmental outcomes.





## **WSUD** Compliance program objectives



Program purpose



Lifecycle compliance



Stakeholder engagement



Program growth



### **Fundamental components**

- Development conditions
- Positive and restrictive covenant registration

WSUD system documentation



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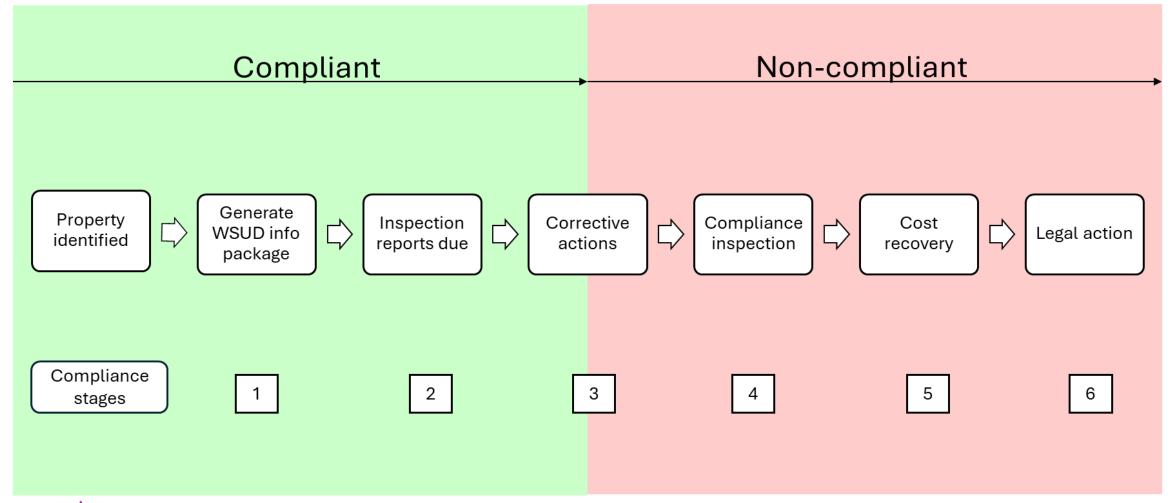


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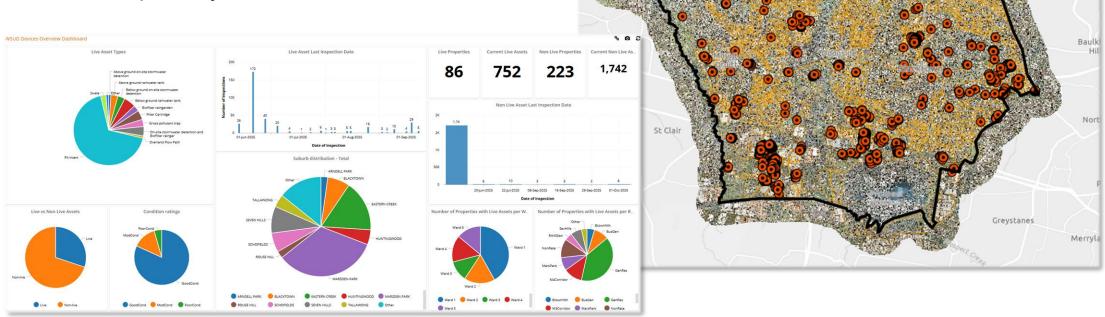
## **WSUD** Compliance process overview





## **Use of technology**

- Asset database
- GIS and spatial data for asset tracking
  - Provides a visual reference
  - Attribute data can integrate with Council's enterprise system - TechOne



Water Sensitive Urban Design App

Find address or place



## **Compliance rate results**





# Non-compliance actions and challenges

Non-compliance notifications

Increasing in seriousness

#### Inspections

Non-compliance fees and charges

#### Challenges

Access to sites for inspection

Properties with multiple tenancies

Vacant lots

Commercial properties with silent or absent owners

#### Change in ownership

Overseas investors



## Key messages

- Setting the legal and conditional foundational framework is key to operating a WSUD compliance program.
- System certification and development documentation provides key information in logging and tracking WSUD systems.
- Implementing enforcement actions has shown compliance improvement, however, there are still some challenges.





## Thank you

