



COOKS RIVER LITTER PREVENTION STRATEGY



50% less litter by 2025



The top four littered items making their way into NSW estuaries, including the Cooks River, are all common consumer items

-  1 Confectionery/snack packaging
-  2 Plastic lids and bottle tops
-  3 Plastic straws
-  4 Cigarette butts

Each year, many tonnes of litter are removed from the Cooks River and its tributaries



390 m³ of litter per year is removed by Sydney Water from gross pollutant traps and litter booms



232 bags of litter were removed from the river by Mudcrabs volunteers in FY 2019-20



1.2 tonnes of litter was removed by volunteers at the 2020 Paddle Against Plastic

Sadly, many tonnes also flow into the ocean



80-90% of marine debris comes from land-based sources

In 2021, community and government worked together to develop the **Cooks River Litter Prevention Strategy**



5 community organisations,
4 councils, Sydney Water and NSW EPA

The strategy sets **three main directions** for litter prevention in the catchment



1 Integrated data collection and reporting



2 Catchment-wide programs for litter prevention



3 A network of organisations working collaboratively



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