

SUMMARY OF MEETING

North Sydney Tree Replacement Working Group

Date	30 July 2025
Time	10am-11:30am
Venue	Online Teams meeting
Participants	NSC representatives Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) and Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU) representatives from Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

Summary of issues discussed

- Working group met with Edge Impact, who has been contracted to carry out tree mapping, analysis and modelling to identify tree planting opportunities around the North Sydney LGA, prioritising locations within 500m of the Project footprint. This analysis and identification of tree planting locations used satellite information to identify sites.
- This was the second of two workshops led by Edge Impact with the group.
- Edge Impact provided group with summary of potential planting opportunities identified near the Project footprint and through to wider LGA.
- Edge Impact also explained how canopy coverage across the LGA could be improved over time, noting influencing factors such as potential tree planting locations, space available at each location and distances from other trees.
- Group discussed how not all identified opportunities may be viable – all in agreement therefore that a ground truthing exercise is a critical next step in the identification process. Ground truthing is the process of manually verifying a desktop analysis by conducting onsite in-person inspections and considering location-specific factors such as ground conditions, sub-surface utilities, etc.

Next meeting: Wednesday 3 September 2025