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# National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

## Sydney Indigenous Coordination Centre

### Area profile

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#### Location

- The Sydney ICC area is located in the mid-east of the State of New South Wales. It comprises of approximately 1.2 million hectares, of which 770 thousand hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the South Pacific Ocean to the east, and common boundaries with the Wagga Wagga ICC area to the west, Queanbeyan ICC area to the south and Coffs Harbour ICC area to the north.
- The area coordination office is located in the State's capital, Sydney.



#### Land Tenure

- The most widespread tenure type in the area is Private Leasehold land, with 56% of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Nature Conservation Reserves are also common, making up 44% of the total area.

Sydney tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Private leasehold	645,996	56
Nature Conservation Reserve	507,836	44
Multiple Use Forest	3,258	0
Other Crown Land	2,735	0
Unresolved Tenure	352	0
Leasehold	77	0
Total	1,160,254	100

#### Forest type

- The most dominant forest type is Eucalypt forest, covering 62% of the total area and making up 94% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Eucalypt	724,495	94	62
Other	33,549	4	3
Rainforest	12,513	2	1
Casuarina	1,268	0	0
Mangroves	42	0	0
Callitris	5	0	0
Total	771,872	100	66

#### Soils

- Soils in the area are dominated by non calcareous earths, with large areas of red duplex soils in the central areas. Yellow duplex soils and loamy soils are also found on river and flood zones throughout the west and southeast of the region.

#### Climate

- Climatic zones range from temperate no dry season (hot summer) in the north east to temperate no dry season (warm summer) in the west and south.
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- On average the city of Sydney receives 1217mm of rainfall per year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Sydney	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	16°C	26°C
Average minimum	8°C	19°C

## Population

- Total population of ICC area: 3,919,637 (62% of New South Wales' population and 21% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Sydney (3,455,110)
- Largest Indigenous population: Sydney (28,522)

## Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	3,919,637	6,309,505	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	3,820,550	5,746,045	16,823,254
Total rural population	99,087	563,460	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	97.5%	91.1%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	614	2,694	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	10,529	92,344	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.8%	2.9%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.03%	0.10%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	11,247	19,757	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.63%	0.73%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	40.3%	32.5%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	11.5%	13.8%	13.9%

ICC Areas: Regional socio-demographic figures were compiled from aggregated 2001 SLA data. The population of an SLA was attributed to an ICC area if over 50% of the SLA fell within that area.

Climate information data source: Australian Bureau of Meteorology, (BOM) 2006, 'Climate Averages for Australian Sites'.

Social Indicator data source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 1996-2001, Census of Population and Housing. Data based on the place of enumeration. Data supplied by ABS as customised tables at statistical local area (SLA) geography.

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