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GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT ON SYDNEY HARBOUR FILM

A powerful film focused on the health of Sydney Harbour will take the international spotlight next month at the home of the BAFTAs in London after being shortlisted for a global sustainability award.

The film *Sweet water, salt water, Sydney water. How do we sustain a healthy harbour?* was originally developed for the greater Sydney Harbour healthy waterways Coastal Management Program (CMP).

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock welcomed news the film has been shortlisted by tve (Television for the Environment) for the GSFA 2021 (Global Sustainability Film Awards).

“What an amazing achievement by all involved, in particular the twenty councils within the Greater Sydney Harbour catchment that are collaborating with state agencies to develop a whole-of-system CMP for Greater Sydney Harbour,” Mrs Hancock said.

“This beautiful film seamlessly presents the tireless efforts of so many community groups, organisations and sectors of both State and Local Governments to improve the health of the largest natural harbour in the world – Sydney Harbour.”

Mrs Hancock said the film also highlights how important it is to learn from the past and move forward with a holistic plan to protect and preserve Australia’s largest water catchment.

“As the opening interview with Sarah Penny Joyce from the Sydney Coastal Councils Group explains, climate change and the forecasted population growth of more than 1.5 million people in the next 20 years is going to put extra pressure on the harbour’s health,” Mrs Hancock said.

“We need everyone working together to ensure it doesn’t just survive but continues to thrive and that is where CMPs really prove their worth because they provide a framework for councils, government agencies and local communities to work together to set a long-term strategy to manage coastal and estuary areas.”

Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment Felicity Wilson said Greater Sydney Harbour is an iconic, world-renowned asset prized amongst tourists and locals alike.

“This wonderful film has rightfully found a global audience, really driving home the message that it takes an all-in approach if we are serious about addressing the impacts of population growth, development and climate change.”

The annual tve Global Sustainability Film Awards recognise outstanding films that inspire audiences with real world solutions for a more sustainable future in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

This year the GSFA received more than 90 films from across the globe, with the State Government produced film being one of the three shortlisted films from each category.

The awards ceremony will be held at BAFTA hall, London on December 6.

The nominated video can be viewed [here](#).

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