# Water by Design Guideline Review 2025/26

# Feedback Form

## Background

Healthy Land & Water’s Water by Design program is currently reviewing **two Water Sensitive Urban Design guidelines**:

* [The Bioretention Technical Design Guidelines](https://waterbydesign.com.au/download/bioretention-technical-design-guidelines)
* [Maintaining Vegetated Stormwater Assets](https://waterbydesign.com.au/download/maintaining-vegetated-assets)

To support the update of these guidelines, **we are seeking local government and industry feedback including:**

* What works?
* What doesn’t work?
* What needs to change?
* And more!

Your feedback will assist us in creating relevant and up-to-date WSUD best practice guidance materials.

## How to Provide Feedback

To provide feedback, please complete the templates below and email a copy to [**jack.m@hlw.org.au**](mailto:jack.m@hlw.org.au) by **COB Friday 19 September 2025.**

## Feedback Form – Bioretention Technical Design Guidelines

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| **Section / Page Number**  (if relevant) | **Issue** | **Proposed Change** |
| *EXAMPLE*  *Table 21* | *EXAMPLE*  *Table 21 of the guideline provides advice on planting densities in bioretention. The densities recommended are not consistent with the guidance provided in the Construction and Establishment Guidelines.* | *EXAMPLE*  *Review and update one or both guidelines to reflect current understanding of best practice. Based on my experience I recommend X, Y, Z planting densities.* |
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## Feedback Form – Maintaining Vegetated Stormwater Assets

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| **Section / Page Number**  (if relevant) | **Issue** | **Proposed Change** |
| *EXAMPLE*  *Multiple* | *EXAMPLE*  *The guideline provides advices on the sorts of activities that can be involved in bioretention maintenance but relatively less information on which are more or less common than others. This information would help people seeking to establish maintenance programs.* | *EXAMPLE*  *This could be solved in several ways. You could add a subsection discussing the topic. Perhaps some case studies describing maintenance of actual systems might also help.* |
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