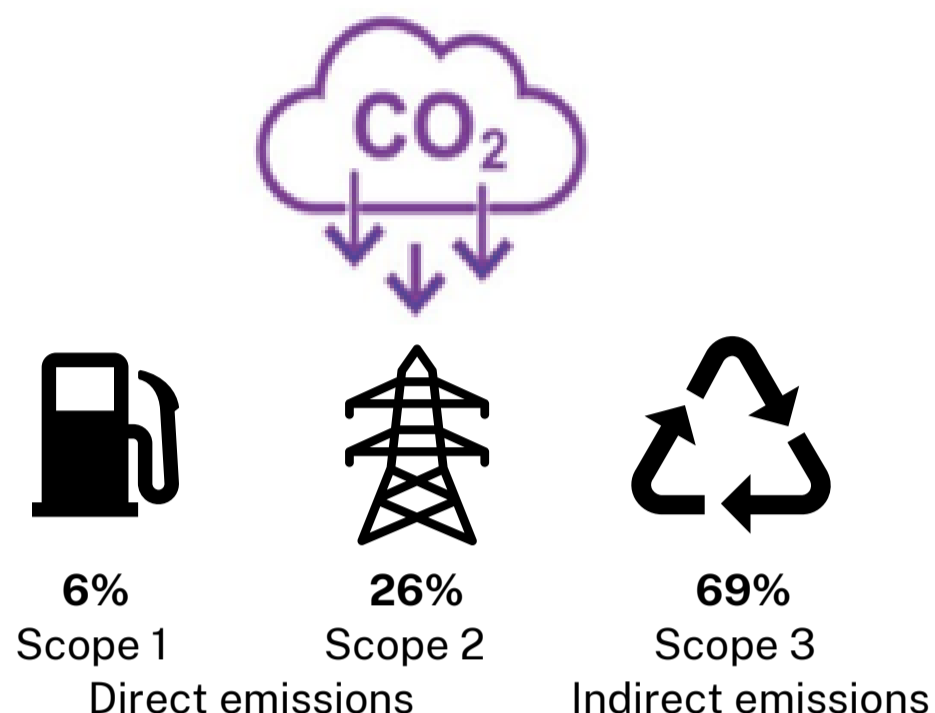


# Northern Sydney Local Health District leading the way to Net Zero

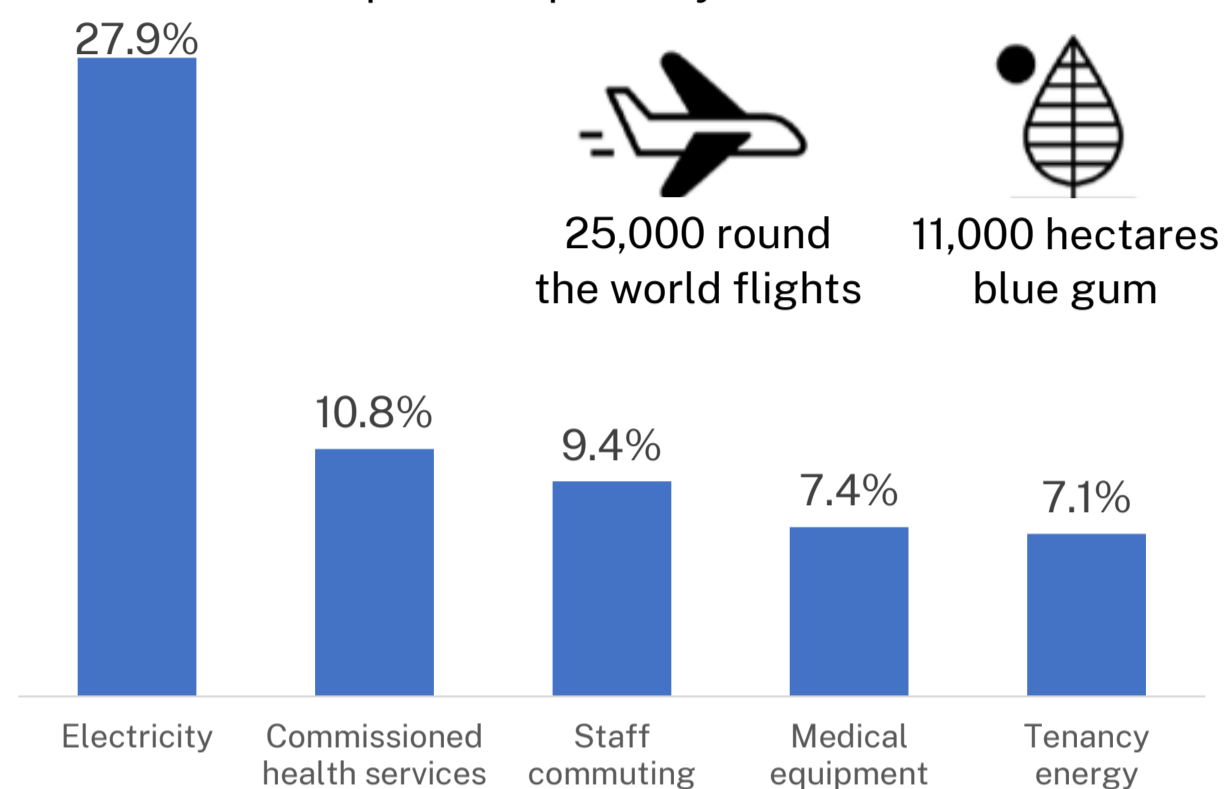
## Net Zero Target

We are committed to reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2035 for scope 1 + 2, and net zero by 2050 for scope 3.



## Carbon footprinting

We have calculated our total carbon footprint, top emission hot spots and pathway to net zero.



## Planetary Health Impact Statement

We have lived continuously on Mother Country as custodians for more than 75,000 years, the Ancestors have loved, and cared for Her, they have listened to Her since before there was time

Those Ancestors trod on Her as the First Peoples, they baked bread from wild sown seeds, drank from unpolluted waters, fished and caught turtle and crocodile, hunted kangaroo and cleansed themselves in pristine rivers

They cleared Her to farm, and planted trees where trees wouldn't grow, they burned bush to stimulate Her so she would give them shade and shelter and keep them from destroying all that she had created, all that was and will be, and taught us to be resilient and to love her

But we have forgotten Her;  
She is whispering to us that she is sick;

She withers and She will die if we do not care about her any longer

Listen to what She is saying;

You aren't very good at this are you? Understand that the earth you walk on, the trees that bear fruit for you, the fields that give grain to bake bread, the rivers that quench your thirst, the animals that give food, the gardens that give up their vegetables are finite, as are you.

What will they reap?

Mother Earth will soon tire of us

In fact

I think She already has.

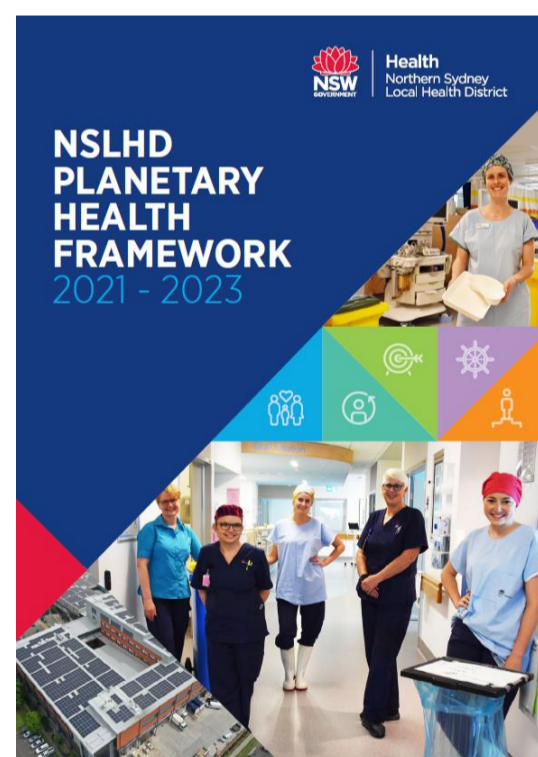
She will soon tire of giving us chances to learn how to love her and nurture her

Her spirit will die, and our spirit will die with her

Love her, she loved us since before time, and we owe that to Her and our children

## Planetary Health Framework

Guides the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of planetary health projects and initiatives across the district.



## Net Zero Leads Program

Australian-first program supports clinicians to lead projects to reduce emissions in their specialty or service.



For more information, visit our website:

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