

GREENER  
SPACES



BETTER  
PLACES



LET'S MAKE AUSTRALIA'S  
URBAN AREAS THE  
GREENEST IN THE WORLD

# 20202020<sup>TM</sup> VISION



2013



2020



447

ORGANISATIONS IN THE NETWORK

JOIN IN

# Measurement

## HOW DOES YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY RATE?

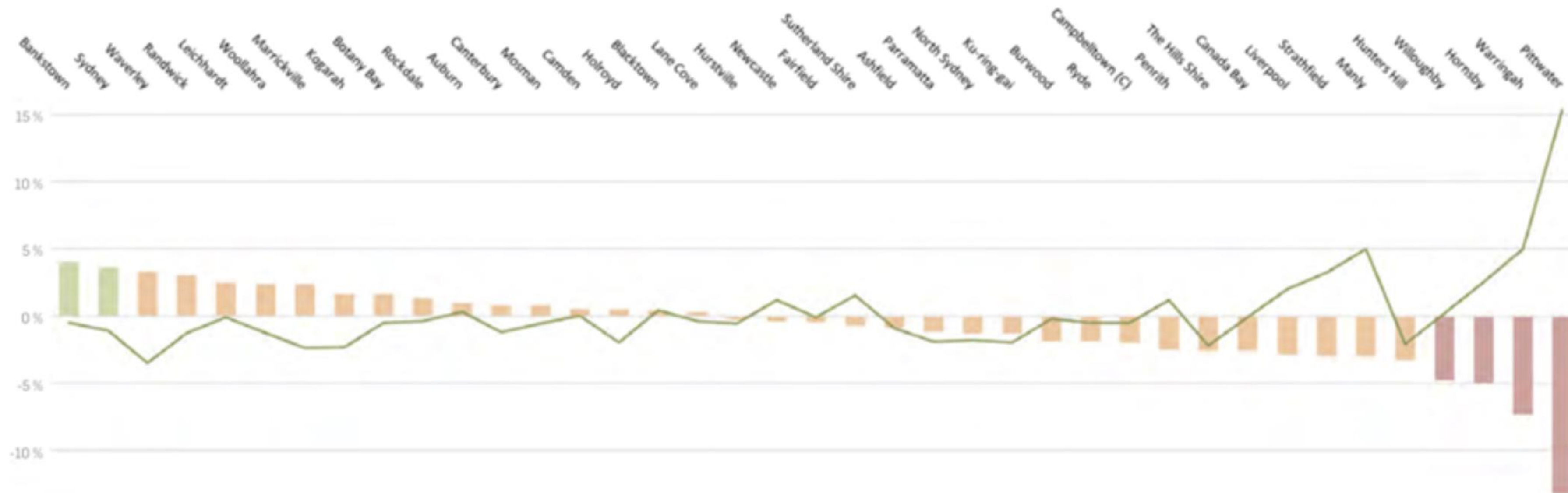
A national map of canopy cover, heat and health data across Australia's urban areas shows which regions need more and better green space the most.

Choose your state

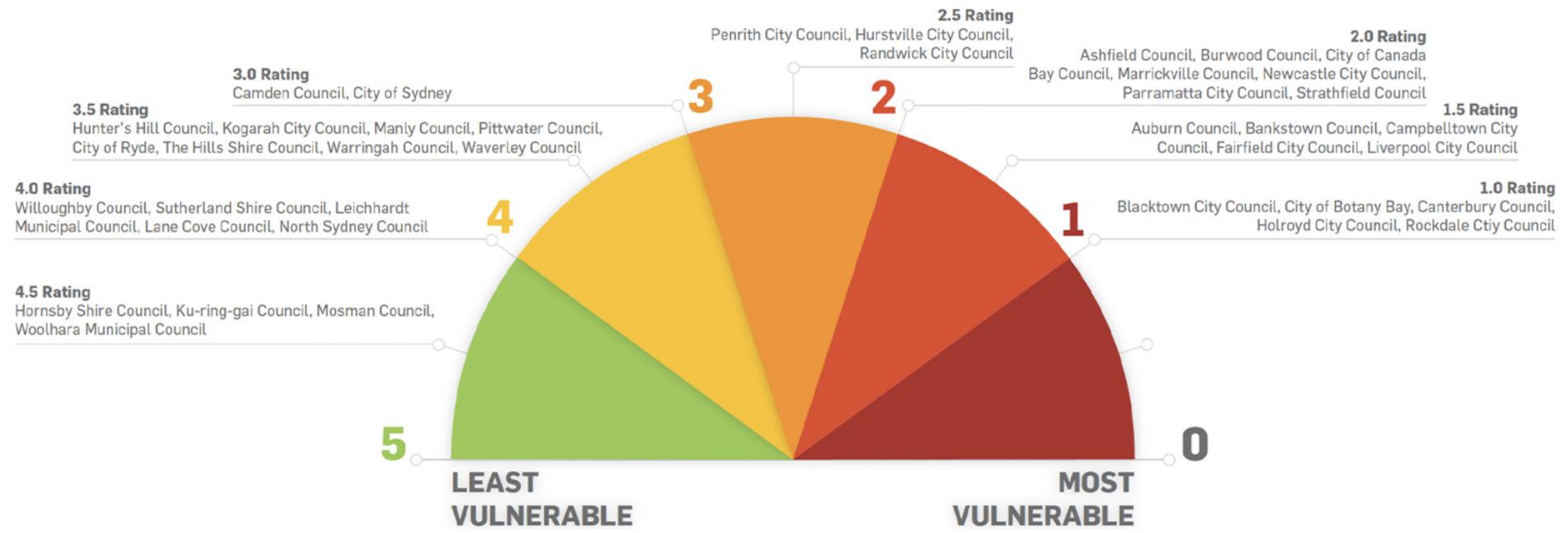


| KEY STATISTICS   | 2009*  | 2016   | OUTCOMES      |
|--|--------|--------|---------------|
| <b>Tree Canopy Cover</b><br>This means the amount of shade that is created by trees.                                     | 27.47% | 26.64% | 0.83% Loss    |
| <b>Shrub Cover</b><br>Landscaped vegetation as well as bushland, shrubs, crops and grapevines.                           | 7.01%  | 7.2%   | 0.19% Gain    |
| <b>Grass Cover</b><br>Cleared road sides, lawns, pastures, sites cleared for development and sporting grounds.           | 25.73% | 23.36% | 2.37% Loss    |
| <b>Hard Surface</b><br>Asphalt, buildings, car parks, footpaths, sandy beaches, train lines, rocky coastlines and water. | 39.8%  | 42.8%  | 3.0% Increase |

# GAINS OR LOSSES OF CANOPY COVER IN NSW LGAS BETWEEN 2009 AND 2016



# HERE'S HOW COUNCILS WITHIN NSW RATE WHEN IT COMES TO VULNERABILITY TO HEAT



# Research



## WHO'S WITH US?

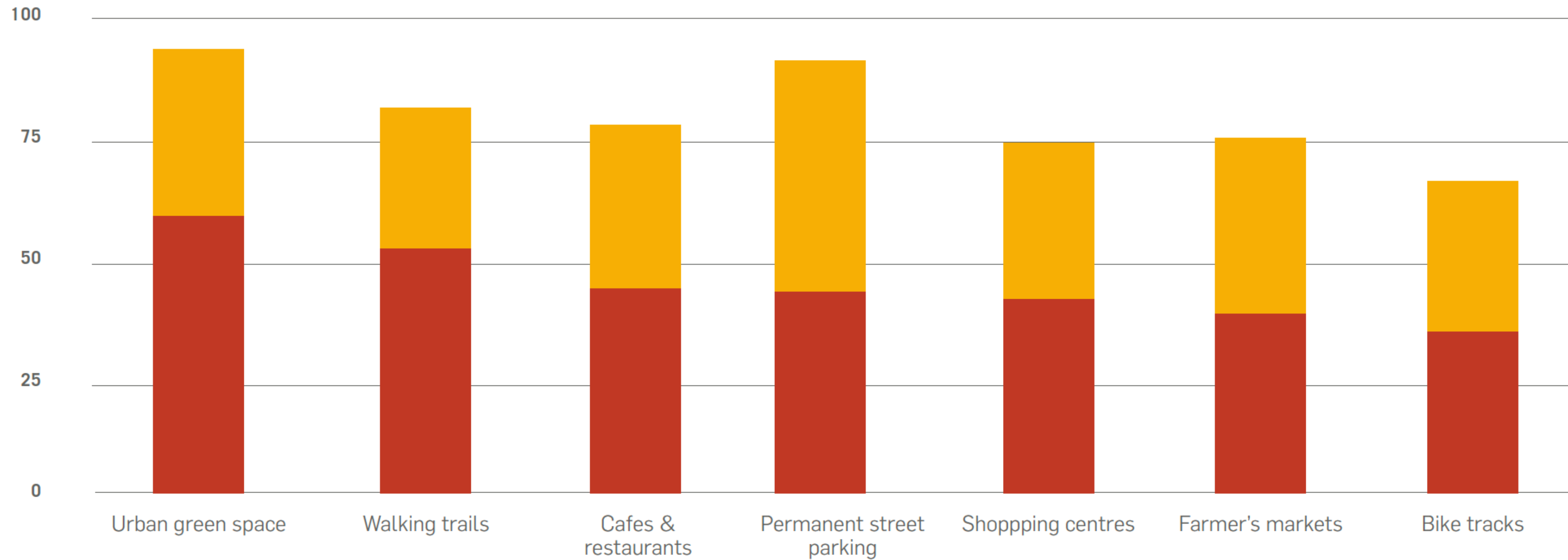
Bringing community along  
on the green space journey





Q: How important are different aspects of your locality and community?

● VERY IMPORTANT    ● SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT





**85%**

of people say one or more benefits of urban green space are somewhat or very important to them.

**BUT**



**12%**

of people find them a nuisance and would prefer fewer urban green spaces.

1

Beautiful Green Nature

# AESTHETICS

Beauty Pretty Clean

2

Relaxing

# RELAXATION

Calming Peaceful

3

Fresh Cool

# HEALTH & WELLBEING

Air Oxygen Healthy Shade

4

Wildlife Birds

# WILDLIFE

Q: Name three words that come to mind when you think about urban green spaces.



# Tools



**TRAINER TERRY TURF SAYS**

**Get fit without the membership.**

MEET YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD **TREES**

Did you know people living within 1km of a park are far more likely to exercise and be healthy? Just one more reason to love your trees and green spaces.

Learn more at [waverley.nsw.gov.au/trees](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/trees)



**COOL CODY CASURINA SAYS**

**I'll help you keep your cool**

MEET YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD **TREES**

Did you know that on hot days, it's around 10°C cooler in shade? Just one more reason to love your trees and green spaces.

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**AUNTY AMY ACACIA SAYS**

**I'm giving your street a face lift!**

MEET YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD **TREES**

Trees and parks make our neighbourhood beautiful, creating a friendly and inclusive community. Just one more reason to love your trees and green spaces.

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Poorer suburbs are more likely to have fewer trees and be more than 10 degrees hotter, a study has found. Photo: The Age

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## Why our poorer suburbs could be up to 10 degrees hotter than their wealthier neighbours

ELLEN LUTTON NEWS EDITOR | SEP 27, 2017

**f** Poor and disadvantaged Australian suburbs are at risk of being more than 10 degrees hotter than greener, wealthier areas, an RMIT University study has found.

**t** The research found Australian metropolitan areas have experienced a loss of vegetation equivalent to the size of Brisbane in the past three years, risking heat spikes – particularly in less-affluent areas.

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