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Title of report	Love Your Lagoons: Place-based learning and environmental action in south western Sydney
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Abstract of report	<p>The project Love Your Lagoons was developed in the context of the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Sustainability is identified as one of three cross-curriculum priorities to be taught across all subject areas in order to: “address the ongoing capacity of Earth to maintain all life and meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations” (ACARA, 2013). New South Wales is scheduled to start implementing the curriculum in a staged sequence from 2014. The Centre for Educational Research at the University of Western Sydney (UWS), funded by AGL, conducted Love Your Lagoons from September 2013 to September 2014 with six schools from south western Sydney.</p> <p>The project’s objectives were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to research the planning, implementation and evaluation of a cross sectoral wetlands education program for long term wetlands health; - to document development of an engaged sustainability curriculum in school education; and - to build strong and enduring cross sector community partnerships in wetlands education and management.
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Implications for education jurisdictions and schools	Provides a number of ways 6 schools and 300 children integrated sustainability in and across curriculum subject.