



Better Best Practice Notes – Stormwater and Beyond

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As a non-profit organisation seeking new innovation in city shaping, Loci's experience working with State and Local Government continues to confront a discrepancy between the latest evidence, the vision for sustainable and liveable cities, and daily decisions that are being by urban practitioners.

Too often there is an absence of 'best practice' guidance that ensures new knowledge can be applied, and often where it does exist 'best practice' is barely more than minimum standards.

To help address this gap, Loci has developed a Better Best Practice program shaped around the important concept that our best is always getting better, and we must strive for best possibilities rather than best practice. Our continually-updated Better Best Practice Notes present the latest evidence, coupled with a series of steps and actions for use by practitioners who have a role in planning our cities.

An important feature is the multidisciplinary approach applied. This is helpful to stormwater quality professionals as it sets out methods to support other goals such as reducing air pollution and increasing the application of traditional ecological knowledge in their work. At the same time, other professions such as arborists and ecologists will learn how they can adjust their own work to help deliver stormwater improvement goals.

Better Best Practice Notes critically sit outside of the regulatory sphere and instead are a tool of 'champions' and 'innovators' as they advocate for them to be attached to project briefs; apply them in in-house policy development; or share them with time-constrained elected decision makers and senior officers. The community also use them to help advocate for greater environmental outcomes.

Loci will provide some exciting new evidence in different areas of urban planning, design and management that we hope you can find a way to implement in your own projects.

A sample of Loci's Better Best Practice Notes includes:

- Carparks and Green Infrastructure
- Healthy Soils for Urban Landscapes
- Locating Trees for Living Infrastructure Outcomes
- Planning for Passive Irrigation
- Urban Design for Air Quality
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge for Cities.