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### **NATION LEADING ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL DATA**

The NSW Government today launched the first stage of a new online portal that offers public access to NSW environmental data.

The Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data (SEED) portal currently includes 70 sets of data from nine different NSW Government agencies, with further data sets to be added during the next stage of the portal's development.

Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, Anthony Roberts, said the SEED portal was developed on the recommendation of NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, Professor Mary O'Kane and is the first of its kind in Australia.

"This data has been available to the public from various sources but the beauty of this new initiative is that it makes all that valuable information available in a single online resource," Mr Roberts said.

"This new portal is an important initiative in response to community requests for reliable and readily available information about the environment in NSW.

"Data sets available so far include information about soil, air and water quality, mining activities and some vegetation data."

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said the portal demonstrated how technology could support transparency in government by providing the community with easy access to the quality data they want.

"The future vision for SEED is for the portal to become one of the most accessible and richest sources of quality data on the NSW environment, flora and fauna, with powerful visualisation tools that the public can use," Mr Speakman said.

"This is the first time people have been able to add successive layers of geospatial information on a map without downloading additional, expensive software and will enable industry and community groups to add their data to the portal in the future."

To view SEED visit: [www.seed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.seed.nsw.gov.au)