



# The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

## Member for Vacluse



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### ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE MINISTER VISITS VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Member for Vacluse Gabrielle Upton MP welcomed NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage James Griffin MP to the Vacluse Electorate to visit important environment and heritage sites in the Electorate.

Ms Upton said, "We're grateful to have major historical sites in the local area as well as National Park Estate, beautiful parks, indigenous sites and Harbour beaches that form part of Sydney Harbour National Park.

"It was my pleasure to share some of those places with Minister Griffin and their significance to the local community and the history of NSW.

"We discussed onsite the significant initiatives underway with the [South Head Master Plan](#) and [Strickland Estate Nielsen Park Master Plan](#) on track to be finalised in the coming months. Both Master Plans will go a long way in preserving those unique places now into the future.

"For South Head, the Master Plan is a crucial opportunity to identify necessary upgrades, such as walking tracks and wayfinding, to enhance South Head's cultural and natural attributes and beauty and to identify sympathetic uses for the existing buildings and facilities."

"This master planning process will also protect Strickland House Estate and Nielsen Park and, potentially, find adaptive uses that are compatible with the values of the sites.

"The visit was further an opportunity to see potential sites for the NSW Government's [\\$9.1 million initiative](#) to restore biodiversity to Sydney Harbour through living seawalls along with Director and CEO of Sydney Institute for Marine Science, Professor Martina Doblin."

Minister Griffin and I visited:

- South Head, The South Head Heritage Trail and Hornby Lighthouse with Watson Bay Association President Roger Bayliss
- The heritage-listed Strickland House Estate with Peter Poland OAM - former President of the Woollahra History and Heritage Society
- Nielsen Park to see progress on the [seawall upgrade](#) and Steele Point Cottage

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