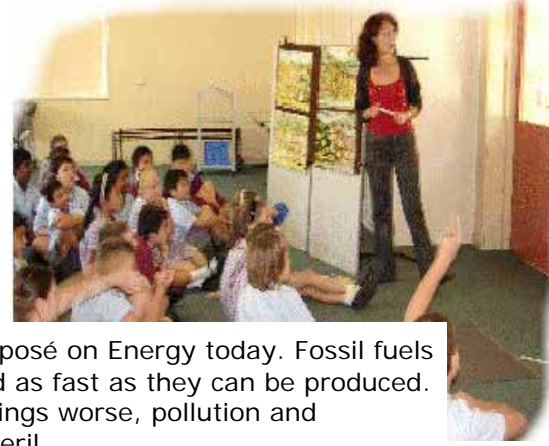


Welcome to the **Premier's Reading Challenge**, a special initiative of the NSW State Government, to foster a love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and for pleasure.

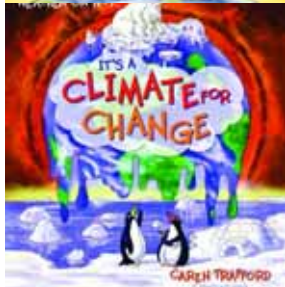
The Premier's Reading Challenge is important in helping develop a love of books and at the same time improving literacy.

**These books titles are proudly part of this challenge.**



**POW! Meet the Renewables** - is an energetic exposé on Energy today. Fossil fuels provide 80% of today's energy and are being consumed as fast as they can be produced. Is it any wonder that they are running out? To make things worse, pollution and Greenhouse Gas emissions are rising. Our planet is in peril.

**SHORT-LISTED for 2009  
Environmental Award for Children's Literature**

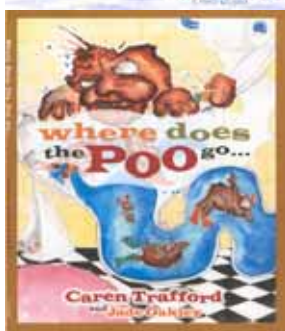


**Weather or Not... it's a Climate for Change**

*'This book simplifies the complex science of weather in a way that makes readers of all ages appreciate what's happening to our climate and what we can do to help our planet.'*

**Mike Bailey**, former weather presenter and producer ABC TV

Join Muzbar, Storm Front and the Green House Gas Gang to learn why weather patterns and climate are changing. Complex science is broken down into understandable chunks so that everyone can understand the greatest threat to our planet.



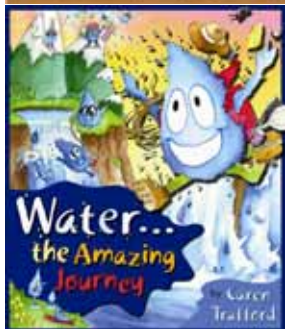
**Where does the POO go... when you Flush?**

A humorous, sometime irreverent, but factual exploration on sewerage and where it all goes... from the first prehistoric dino-dump, to today's mega sewage networks servicing our cities. Answers for those tricky, icky questions especially on recycling.

*'For once my girl is reading & not watching the box tonight.'* eBay Chat-room mum

*'The cold hard facts about human waste in time and space as never told before. Funny but not crude, informative but enjoyable.'* Syd Smith, NSW Dept of Education

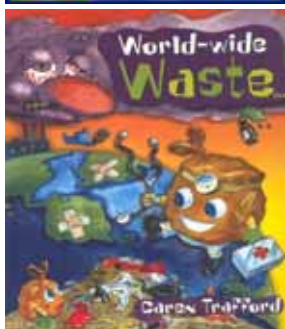
*'A classic Australian children's book.'* David de Groot



**Water... the Amazing Journey**

Water needs to be managed now more than ever. Follow the amazing journey of water through it's never-ending cycle. Learn how our planet's most important molecule - water, is used throughout the world. Understand hydro electric power, dirty water, conserving water and what to do to ensure there is enough clean water for everyone. Fascinating facts, wicked humour and bright illustrations will give science a new perspective.

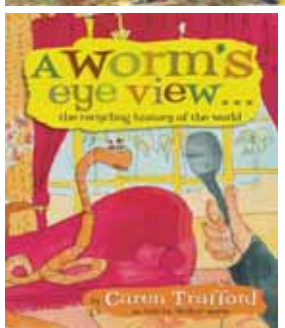
*'This book fits in with the school teachings on the environment and it's push to get kids to understand the importance of water.'* Fiona Coffey, Librarian, Mona Vale



**World-wide waste... it's not a load of Rubbish**

*"Someone wisely remarked that 'Now there is no place called AWAY where we can throw things anymore!' Waste is one of THE most important issues facing everyone. Caren Trafford's book is factually spot on and really fun."* Robyn Williams, AM, ABC Science Show.

*This is a great book; it helped me understand recycling and the different ways there are to reduce waste. I loved the pictures, they're mad.'* Olivia C, Year 6



**A Worm's Eye View... the Recycling History of the World**

The first in the series, this book set new benchmarks for science and environmental education for kids. Over 80,000 copies sold in South Korea alone.

*"Exceptional books are needed to make a difference. Combining humour and science, this book is the key to educating generations about the beauty and fragility of this planet."*

*"This book results in the best kind of learning... the sneaky sort that happens while you're having fun. It's a delight."*  
SANDRA McEWEN  
Curator, Biotechnology, Powerhouse Museum