

## **“DROUGHT MANAGEMENT – WILL YOUR SYSTEM COPE” WORKSHOP**

### **SUMMARY OF THE EVENT EVALUATION FORM FROM 32 PARTICIPANTS**

**Question 1: As a whole, how would you rate the “Drought Management – will your system cope” workshop?**

	Excellent	Very Good	Mostly Good	No Response	Total
Technical Content	41%	47%	6%	6%	100%
Standard of Presentations	38%	59%	0%	3%	100%
Quality of Speakers	38%	56%	0%	6%	100%
Venue & Facilities	38%	56%	3%	3%	100%
Food & Service	38%	56%	3%	3%	100%
AWA’s Management	59%	38%	0%	3%	100%
Overall	35%	59%	0%	6%	100%

**Question 2: What did you like most about the workshop?**

- Quality/diversity of presentations and range of topics covered
- Speakers were knowledgeable and well prepared
- Exposure to other councils/authorities
- Opportunity to share experiences/what others are doing/new ideas
- Professionally run, friendly atmosphere

**Question 3: Would you add any improvements?**

	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Improvements	37%	41%	22%	100%

- Hold the speakers to their allocated time
- Shorter sessions, more frequent shorter breaks
- Have copy of papers in advance if possible

- Copies of presentations (not already given)
- Maybe forum to be written up and supplied to delegates
- Greater technical content on State Water Dam Management
- ISF was too theoretical
- I would not have used the panel session to push the "Restrictions levels issue" for so long
- More discussion/workshopping of Drought Management Plans
- Make sure people asking questions have microphones
- Are there people/organisations from elsewhere that have already been through a similar process?

**Question 4: Did the workshop meet your expectations?**

	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Meet Expectations	97%	3%	%	100%

**Question 5: How did you hear about the workshop?**

	AWA	Water Directorate	Email	Others	No Response	Total
Hear about Workshop	41%	22%	6%	25%	6%	100%

**Question 6: Do you think a follow-up workshop on Drought Management is necessary?**

	Yes	No	Unsure / Depending	No Response	Total
Follow-up Workshop	50%	28%	9%	13%	100%

**Question 7: Are there any other topics that you would like to see a workshop organized on?**

	Yes	No	Unsure / Depending	No Response	Total
More Workshop	22%	22%	6%	56%	100%

- Catchment management/protection of water quality
- Lessons and experienced gained from the drought and Drought Management Guidelines
- Critical Infrastructure Planning
- Asset Management Systems (would need to be incorporated with WSAA projects)
- Asset registers and systems - types available, benefits/drawbacks of each system
- Guidelines for water restrictions - common to all councils
- Experiences of utilities with Demand Management Programs including costs/benefits and program details
- More about emergency sources - practical pros/cons (real examples)

**Question 8: Any other general comments?**

	Yes	No	Total
Answered Comments	25%	75%	100%

- It was an excellent conference overall
- Very professional
- A very worthwhile conference that raised awareness of drought issues amongst local water utilities
- Case studies and practical examples were excellent
- 30 minutes for presentations is a very good idea and provides adequate time for both presentations and questions.
- Kate and Lee have done a great job over the past two days and in organising this event
- Distribution of presentation papers would be helpful
- The panel session could have been better organised - overheads/microphones, etc.