

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

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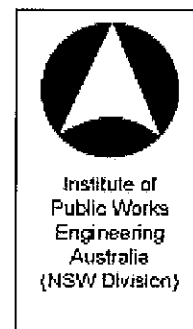
**THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING, AUSTRALIA
NSW DIVISION LTD**

and

**THE WATER DIRECTORATE
INCORPORATED**

for
Closer Cooperation

December 2006



1. Preamble

The Water Directorate Incorporated and The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia – NSW Division Ltd, IPWEA (NSW), commit through this agreement to confirm and strengthen the existing strong partnership between the two respective organisations.

Common Goals:

The aim of both organisations is to enhance the delivery of public services to our communities through assistance to our members and member organisations and this strengthened partnership may include:

- 1.1 Joint development of policy positions on matters of mutual interest
- 1.2 Career development
- 1.3 Professional development
- 1.4 Membership recruitment, retention and succession planning
- 1.5 Strategic planning and development
- 1.6 Advice to members on legislative changes
- 1.7 Joint responses to Issues Papers and delegations to Government

2. The Water Directorate Incorporated

Established in 1999, the Water Directorate provides focused technical information to its members. Its aims include:

- providing an independent source of advice to councils on water and sewerage operations
- promoting a more efficient operation of Local Government water and sewerage infrastructure;
- providing direction on technical issues;
- providing networking opportunities for water and sewerage engineers to share knowledge and improve communication within the industry

3. The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia – (NSW Division) Ltd

IPWEA (NSW) is an association that has as its purpose the provision of member services and advocacy for those people involved in and delivering public works and services, in their aim to improve the quality of life of their communities.

The Institute is pro-active in developing and promoting the technical expertise and experience of our members. We are involved in a number of activities to achieve this goal including the organisation of high profile seminars to notify our members and other practitioners of the implications of changing legislation as well as forthcoming issues

IPWEA (NSW) is at its core a Professional Development organisation with its primary interest being the people involved in Public Works Engineering

4. “Communications”

In support of the partnership approach inherent in this MoU it is agreed that an open dialogue will be pursued to ensure a common approach to enhancing the corporate goals and strategies of both organisations wherever possible.

This open communication could include:

- 4.1 Joint meetings of the Executive of IPWEA (NSW) and the Water Directorate
- 4.2 Both organisations allowing time for promoting/presenting the other's services at their respective Conferences and events.
- 4.3 Joint Regional Group Meetings.
- 4.4 Providing links to each other's website.
- 4.5 Jointly promoting the Water Directorate as the leading organisation providing advice and advocacy for Local Government water and sewerage provision in NSW.
- 4.6 Jointly promoting IPWEA (NSW) as the leading professional organisation for general purpose public works advice and advocacy in NSW.

5. Basis of the Agreement

This agreement will be fulfilled by:

- 5.1 Working to identify ways to better serve the members of both organisations through collaboration and exchange of information, education, continuing professional development, training, technology and management practices.
- 5.2 Cooperating to develop synergies and avoid duplication of effort and member services
- 5.3 Increasing community awareness of local government and public works engineering.
- 5.4 Recognising engineering achievements and excellence in local government and public works engineering with appropriate awards.
- 5.5 Integrating where possible and establishing direct links on each organisations' respective web site.
- 5.6 Establishing protocols for the use of products or services developed within each organisation for the mutual benefit of members of both organisations.
- 5.7 Providing for improved communications between the two organisations through the exchange of relevant information, journals and publication lists.

- 5.8 Both organisations continuing to support the operation of the group structures which are currently in operation and to actively encourage greater participation by the groups in the decision making process of each organisation.
- 5.9 Nothing in 5.8 precludes either organisation from investigating and/or setting up new panels or special interest groups.
- 5.10 Time being allowed at group meetings for the two organisations to conduct their own separate business and generally promote close co-operation at group level.

6. Review Arrangements

This agreement is an initiative conceived to bring the two organisations closer together. It is to be a dynamic document meant to change from time to time as required by either organisation.

- 6.1 This agreement will be reviewed by both organisations at least annually on its anniversary.
- 6.2 This agreement will remain in force for a period of three years, after which it will automatically roll over for a further three years unless otherwise agreed by the two organisations.

**For and on behalf of
The Water Directorate Incorporated**

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Chair, NSW Water Directorate

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Executive Officer, NSW Water Directorate

8 DECEMBER 2006
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Date

**For and on behalf of
The Institute of Public Works
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