

## JUNE 2016

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### WATER DIRECTORATE PUBLICATIONS

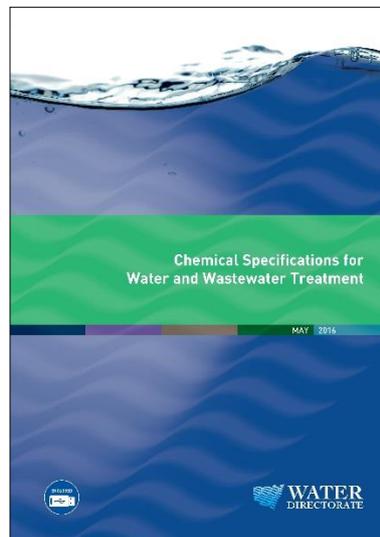
The Water Directorate's core business is providing technical advice on water matters primarily through the production of technical publications. Over 50 such publications have been distributed to member Councils since our first publication in May 2000. The 20 most recent publications produced for member Councils are depicted below. Three new publications were mailed out in June.



### SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS

In June a folder containing a USB was mailed to our 98 member Councils. The USB contains the templates and specifications for 71 chemicals commonly used by LWUs for water and wastewater treatment. The templates are designed for use when ordering chemicals.

The templates allow you to select chemical specifications and with contract or quotation, proceed to the market for suppliers. The USB also contains an Excel spreadsheet to guide you in ensuring that contaminants in a chemical meet ADWGs.

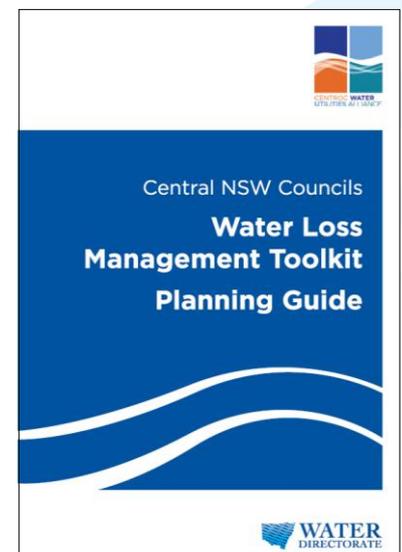


The Water Directorate commends the Northern Rivers Group of Councils for suggesting this project. The Water Directorate and Local Government Procurement are considering a joint workshop on the use of the Water Directorate's templates and specifications in conjunction with the LGP procurement process for chemicals.

### WATER LOSS MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

The second publication distributed in June is an initiative of Central NSW Councils (Centroc), co-funded and co-badged by the Water Directorate. This toolkit comprises 2 guides

containing advice and resources to help LWUs manage water losses to save water, save energy and defer capital investment in new water resources.

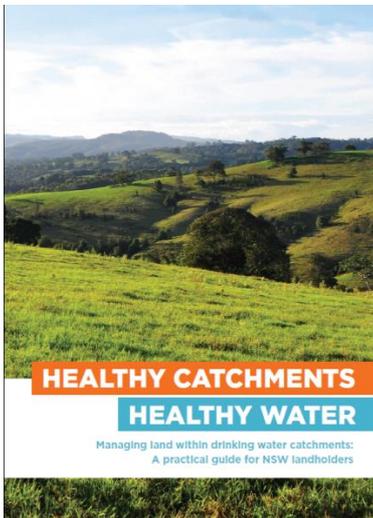


The Planning Guide is for water supply engineers and managers working and explains the basic concepts involved with managing water losses from water supply networks. The Operators' Guide is for trained operators who are responsible for the on-ground management and maintenance of the water supply network, to help them carry out specific tasks.

The Water Directorate congratulates Centroc on their initiative and for involving us in their project to make these 2 publications available to all member Councils across NSW. These publications provide a good follow up to our Water Loss Management Awareness & Education Guidelines, 2006.

## HEALTHY CATCHMENTS, HEALTHY WATER

The third publication distributed in June is an initiative of Rous Water, co-funded and co-badged by the Water Directorate. This practical guide is for NSW landholders managing land within drinking water catchments who seek to balance land use with protection of our waterways. The guide describes contaminants that can enter waterways from agricultural activities and how that can be controlled by landholders. It also looks at generic principles that can be adopted by landholders to protect drinking water supplies.



The Water Directorate congratulates Rous Water on their initiative, and thanks them for involving us in their project to enable us to make their publication available to member Councils across NSW.

## LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE BROKEN HILL, 28-30 AUGUST

The annual LGNSW Water Management Conference presents a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

The 2016 conference will be co-hosted by Broken Hill City Council and anyone who attended the conference in Broken Hill in 2006 will confirm what an amazing and unforgettable experience it was as well as what an iconic venue this is.

You can register [here](#).

The Water Directorate will facilitate the popular Forum again in which delegates can discuss water matters of concern.

## OPERATORS NEED TO USE ONE OF THE 28 WATER INDUSTRY CODES ON CENSUS NIGHT, 9 AUGUST

The next ABS 5 yearly Census is on the night of 9 August. Engineering staff are urged to advise their operators to use the ANZSCO codes to assist the water industry to be better recognised by the ABS which in turn will reap Government funding for training & workforce development needs.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO WIOA AND THE FIRST NSW OPERATORS PRESENTED BY WIOA WITH NATIONAL CREDENTIALS

The Water Directorate congratulates WIOA as the Water Industry Skills Taskforce (WIST) endorsed national certifying body for the National Certification Framework for Operators in Drinking Water Treatment Systems for the next 5 years. WIOA has been driving the roll out and promoting the benefits of the certification program nationally.

The Water Directorate also congratulates the first seven NSW operators to be presented with certification credentials by WIOA. Certified

operator status was awarded to 2 operators from the Riverina Water and to 5 operators from Veolia.



Well done to management teams and certified operators from Riverina Water who took up the challenge to be one of the first two NSW utilities to complete the certification process with Riverina Water operators Luke Prowse & Phil McAlister receiving their National Certification at WIOA's NSW Conference in April.

Riverina Water has a total of 9 water treatment plant operators and are encouraging its remaining water treatment plant operators to obtain their national certification to assist council to meet council's drinking water management system in terms of its training and competencies requirements. Further information can be obtained by contacting [WIOA](#) or RWCC's Manger Operations, [Jason Ip](#).

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting dates for 2016 are:

- 14 July
- 8 September
- 9, 10 November

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