



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# Between Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) And NSW Water Directorate Regarding WSAA Membership and Collaboration

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a platform for enhancing the value to the members of WSAA and NSW Water Directorate.

#### 1. MISSION

- **1.1** WSAA will advocate, collaborate and innovate to deliver value on behalf of its Members.
- **1.2** WSAA's joint vision for the Australian Urban Water Industry is 'Customer Driven, Enhancing Life'
- **1.3** NSW Water Directorate provides focused technical information to its members and advice to the State Government on Water Policy.
- **1.4** Together, the Parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to mutually Promote collaborative opportunities and WSAA's initiatives including Committees, Networks, Communities of Practice, Projects, Codes, Standards and events.
- **1.5** NSW Water Directorate should promote WSAA initiatives to its Members where they see a benefit to their Members in doing so.

### 2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- **2.1** WSAA and NSW Water Directorate will enter into a 'share and recommend' arrangement.
- **2.2** WSAA will not charge a Membership fee to NSW Water Directorate and will give NSW Water Directorate full access to its Members' portal.
- **2.3** This MOU does not confer WSAA Membership for NSW Water Directorate Members. To receive the full suite of WSAA benefits utilities will need to join WSAA directly.
- **2.4** WSAA will discount its Codes and Standards by 50% for NSW Water Directorate Members with 20,000 property connections or less and negotiate in good faith to improve access to other WSAA products and services for these Members as needed.

Once codes are purchased Local Water Utilities are able to adopt WSAA codes and refer to them in specifications of works.

- **2.5** NSW Water Directorate will inform its Members of WSAA initiatives under protocols to be established by its Executive Committee.
- **2.6** NSW Water Directorate will encourage its Members with 20,000 connections or more to join WSAA
- **2.7** The Parties will seek to establish relevant collaborative opportunities including potential joint events.
- **2.8** The Parties will, where appropriate, promote each other's initiatives to New South Wales and Federal governments and other key urban water industry stakeholders.
- **2.9** NSW Directorate Members will be entitled to participate in WSAA subscription projects and be charged WSAA Member prices (non-WSAA Members pay double the subscription project fee of a WSAA Member).
- 2.9.1 Only WSAA Members are eligible to join a Project Delivery Team
- **2.9.2** NSW Directorate Members can participate in a WSAA project as a single entity or via a consortium that pools its contribution. In this case contributions will be based on the combined size of the utilities.
- **2.9.3** If a consortium includes a WSAA Member, that Member is eligible to join the project delivery team and represent the consortium.

# 3. OFFICIAL CONTACT

Each party will appoint a person to serve as the official contact and coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOU. This person may delegate representation to an appropriate representative within their organisation as required. The initial appointees of each organization are:

Gary Mitchell, Executive Officer of the NSW Water Directorate

Adam Lovell, Executive Director of the Water Services Association of Australia.

# 4. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDAING

The term of this MOU is for a period of 2 years from the effective date of this agreement and may be extended upon written mutual agreement.

Either organization may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice without penalties or liabilities.

# 5. AUTHORISATION

The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU.

On behalf of the organization I represent, by signing this MOU I commit to fulfilling the intent and spirit of this document.

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Executive Director	
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