



## MEDIA RELEASE

# **AWA acknowledges effort of QLD water professionals**

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The Australian Water Association (AWA) acknowledges the efforts of the many water professionals who work tirelessly to mitigate the impacts of Queensland's natural disasters, particularly those who worked during the January 2011 floods and the other storm and cyclone events experienced in Queensland in recent months.

The increase in natural disasters over the past 18 months has seen a huge effort to keep the water, sewerage and flood infrastructure across the state in place and provide the community with the services it requires. Water professionals play an integral role in the provision of safe water and sewerage schemes that are a vital part of ensuring the continued health of our communities.

AWA Chief Executive Mr Tom Mollenkopf said that the tremendous effort, under difficult conditions, of many water professions has ensured that the community impacts of the several natural disasters have been minimised.

"Water and sewerage services have been maintained and/or restored in an efficient manner. Dams, stormwater and flood mitigation measures have proceeded in a way to minimise the effects to the community.

"The 2011 floods were a very tragic event for the state and I am pleased that the QLD Flood commission's independent expert has found that the engineers achieved close to the best possible outcome during the 2011 flood event.

Mr Mollenkopf said it is a pleasure to be part of the Australian water industry, an industry which has so many professionals that are dedicated to the protection of their communities.

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### Editors Notes

The Australian Water Association (AWA) is Australia's largest association covering water industry professionals with more than 4000 individual and corporate members spanning researchers and academics, consultants, utility practitioners, technology suppliers and consultants.