

## **MEDIA INVITATION**

# **Ozwater'15 – Australia's largest water event**

12 – 14 May  
Adelaide Convention Centre

The Australian Water Association (AWA) is once again hosting Australia's largest international water conference and exhibition, Ozwater'15, from 12 - 14 May at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

SA Minister for Water and the River Murray, Ian Hunter, commented that as the driest state on the driest inhabited continent on Earth, South Australians understand the importance of water. The Government of South Australia welcomes the local, national and international water industry leaders attending Ozwater'15 in Adelaide.

"As the biggest annual gathering of Australian water professionals, there are few occasions when such a large amount of industry knowledge is on hand in one place," Mr Hunter said. "I have no doubt the knowledge and skills of Ozwater'15 delegates will play a big part in ensuring water remains accessible, sustainable and safe into the future."

The comprehensive conference schedule includes six conference streams, seven motivating keynotes, 150+ speakers and 12 specialist workshops. In addition to the conference you will have access to Australia's largest water exhibition with over 175 local and international organisations showcasing their products and services.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Cathryn Ross from Ofwat, UK**

*Privatising the UK Water Industry: Lessons learnt that benefit customers*

Ofwat is the water services regulation authority in the UK, and regulates the water and wastewater sectors in England and Wales. Cathryn Ross has held the Chief Executive position since 2013 and is an experienced regulatory and competition economist.

- **Bernard Salt, Demographer**

*Think Big, Think Long-Term, Think Water: Why Water requires real commitment to secure the future livability of a community.*

Bernard's current positions as a partner with global advisory firm KPMG, and columnist with 'The Australian' newspaper, ensure his knowledge and understanding of communities and their behaviour will provide a knowledgeable perspective on water and its users in the community.

- **Aaron Hood, Chief Investment Officer, Minderoo Group, WA**

*Unlocking Australia's Water Resources*

Aaron promises to deliver an incisive picture of the current situation for water, investment and mining.

- **Thierry Mallet, Director, Innovation & Business Performance, Suez Environnement, France**  
*The Importance of Innovation in the Delivery of Water Solutions for the 21st Century*

In his current role centered on innovation and business performance, Thierry's presentation will interest anyone involved in running a modern, successful, water-related business.

- **Water Utility CEOs – Kevin Young, Chief Executive, Sydney Water; John Ringham, Chief Executive, SA Water; Pat McCafferty, Chief Executive, Yarra Valley Water and Chris Loughlin, South West Water Limited (UK)**  
*Shaping a Customer Driven Organisation in an Engineering Dominated Industry*

## REGULATORS' FORUM

With the current debate around the need for independent regulation and the drive for further private investment, don't miss the inaugural Regulators' Forum.

A panel of three State Regulators and Cathryn Ross (from Ofwat, UK Water Regulator) will ensure some lively debate at our Water Regulators' Forum. This Forum will address possible solutions to key inconsistencies between the State and Territory jurisdictions under the existing regulatory frameworks. The Forum will discuss how these inconsistencies are impacting on investment across the water sector.

Download the full program at [www.ozwater.org](http://www.ozwater.org)

Please contact Amanda White, National Manager – Communications and Policy, by **Friday, 8 May** if you would like to attend.