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### **Australia and Vietnam sign water MOU**

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The leading water organisations in Australia and Vietnam have entered a cooperation agreement to address many water related challenges being faced in Vietnam and the surrounding region. The Australian Water Association (AWA) and the Vietnam Water Supply and Sewerage Association (VWSA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Hanoi today.

The MOU outlines the Associations' plans to work together in the areas of trade and business matching, education and training, as well as exploring joint projects to attract funding for the sustainable development of Vietnam's water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

AWA was represented by Chief Executive, Jonathan McKeown, while Chairman and General Secretary, Tran Quang Hung, signed on behalf of VWSA.

AWA Chief Executive, Jonathan McKeown, said that many opportunities existed for Vietnam and Australia to collaborate in areas such as supply and demand planning, water quality risk management, asset management and network operation, climate change, governance and regulation..

"The purpose of the MOU is to foster closer economic cooperation and support Vietnam navigate through new extremes in climate and the associated impacts to the provision of safe, secure, sustainable and efficient water management solutions. The Vietnam Water Supply and Sewerage Association will work with AWA to provide business introductions to our members and assist them in procuring business in Vietnam.

"AWA looks forward to facilitating the transfer of expertise and support from the Australian water sector to assist Vietnam as its own regulatory environment and water demands evolve.

"The Australian water sector has a wealth of expertise and products that are highly relevant to the issues being faced in Vietnam. The knowledge we have gained in setting the governance frameworks to manage uncertainty in climate and secure our water supplies by diversifying into a range of supply options, including recycling, stormwater harvesting and desalination will be offered to the Vietnamese water sector.