



Media Release

Australia wins bid for world's biggest water event

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Yesterday, Australia was announced as the winner of the international bid to host the International Water Association's World Water Congress in 2016.

Following a series of site visits in Australia, Brisbane has been selected as the 2016 Congress venue during the International Water Association's Governing Assembly Meeting in Vienna. The Australian Water Association (AWA) will partner with the International Water Association to deliver the event.

According to AWA Chief Executive, Mr Tom Mollenkopf, the water sector is extremely excited by the prospect of holding this major water event in Australia.

"The event gives Australia enormous opportunities to showcase our leading edge research and management practices in water and to ensure that we continue our history of learning from the best the rest of the world has to offer while also making our own.

"With around 4,000 mostly international delegates and many more participants in the exhibition and side events, the 2016 World Water Congress will deliver an incredibly stimulating and vibrant event to Brisbane. It will also provide an unparalleled opportunity for us to maintain our international dialogue in water management matters, where Australia has carved an enviable global reputation.

The IWA World Water Congress is, without a doubt, the largest meeting of water researchers and practitioners anywhere in the world. The selection of Brisbane to host the 2016 Congress recognises the leading edge work that has been done in water management in Queensland and across Australia in recent times.

The IWA Water Congress was last held in Australia ten years ago. Recent Congresses have been in Montreal (2010) Vienna (2008) and Beijing (2006). The next World Congress will be in Busan, Korea in September 2012.

For more information or to arrange an interview, contact:
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Note to editors

- Australian Water Association (AWA) Chief Executive, Mr Tom Mollenkopf, is available for interviews.
- AWA is Australia's leading water sector body, representing over 10,000 water professionals around the country and across all water disciplines.
- AWA provides leadership in the water sector on a wide range of issues, including skills shortages, climate change and water reuse and recycling.
- AWA works to enhance the skills and knowledge of water professionals and promote and disseminate best practice through an extensive range of technical seminars, courses and events.

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