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### **Water industry welcomes WA water reform moving forward**

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The Australian Water Association (AWA) has welcomed the announcement that the WA Government has given approval to consolidate six water Acts into one – the Water Resources Management Act.

The Association believes the Water Resources Act is vital to ensure the effective management of water resources in WA in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Secure and sustainable water supply is fundamental to the prosperity of both WA's communities and industries, in particular agriculture and energy and resources sectors.

AWA Chief Executive, Jonathan McKeown, said that it is imperative that the new Act should establish a legislative basis for implementing the key aspects of the National Water Initiative in WA, while recognising the differences between WA's unique water resources and maintaining the flexibility within local climatic conditions.

"AWA is represented on the Minister's Water Resources Reform Reference Group (WRRRG) and looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Minister, the Department of Water and all industry stakeholders to see the legislation come to fruition", said Mr McKeown.