



## 6th Annual NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference and Exhibition

Tamworth 28 & 29 March 2012

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### Media Release

The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) will stage its **6th Annual NSW Water Industry Engineers & Operators Conference** at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre (TRECC) on 28 & 29 March 2012. The conference Awards dinner on the Thursday evening will include the announcement of the prestigious NSW Operator of the Year.

This event is staged at different locations across NSW annually with Tamworth honoured to host the 2012 NSW Water Industry Engineers and Operators Conference, attracting more than 500 people to the Tamworth region for the two days.

The main focus of the conference will be to provide access and share the latest in ideas, equipment and technology available to operators of water and wastewater systems. This conference will bring many regional and metropolitan councils together to discuss education and training, preservation of clean waterways and protection of public health and the environment accumulation and distribution of technological information.

The knowledge gained at the event will be utilised to implement better quality, more efficient and more reliable operational systems for cities like Tamworth and other areas of the state.

The Keynote addresses will be delivered by the 2010 NSW Australian of the Year Mr John Dee who is also the founding chairman of Do Something. Associate Professor John Hamilton from James Cook University will open the event with a presentation on enhanced interactive training options for the water industry.

In all, there will be eighteen Platform Papers over the two days delivered by engineers, water and wastewater treatment plant operators, scientists and staff from product suppliers discussing a wide range of issues.

A comprehensive Trade Display will fill the TRECC to capacity with over 100 trade sites. The companies involved will exhibit the latest in equipment, services and process technologies available to the water, wastewater and liquid conveyancing industries.

This conference is being hosted by the NSW Water Directorate with joint major sponsors in the Automation Group, Peerless Epigen, Xylem and Acromet Australia.

Entry to the exhibition is free to the general public and persons who may have an interest in the Trade Displays are invited to attend between 10.00am - 3pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

This annual conference ensures that staff employed at Water Authorities and Councils around the State of NSW and beyond are kept up-to-date with the latest processes, equipment and technology to allow them to deliver quality services to the customer in an efficient manner.

Further details on the Conference can be obtained from the WIOA Office on (03) 5821 6744 or by contacting Craig Mathisen on 0457 846 008 or from the website [www.wioa.org.au](http://www.wioa.org.au).

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