



Message from the Water Industry Training Association (WITA)

As President of the Water Industry Training Association of Queensland, I am pleased to once again welcome the Water Industry Operator's Association of Australia (WIOA) to Queensland to deliver this year's Workshop.

And once again we find ourselves in "very interesting times". Record rainfalls in parts of the State contrast with parts of South East Queensland that remain on Level 6 restrictions. Treatment plants are under construction to produce Purified Recycled Water that will augment drinking water supplies via Wivenhoe Dam. A large desalination plant here on the Gold Coast will put drinking water directly into the new Water Grid.

Council amalgamations and new water management models accentuate the climate of change that is superimposed on Climate Change itself.

A new regulatory framework for recycled water and drinking water is expected to commence on 1st July this year.

As you all know, the Water Industry Operations Workshop has been at the forefront of promoting new technology and improved water management practices in this State for decades.

As well as the splendid planning and delivery of the Workshop, there is one additional element of the event required to guarantee its success..... input from you, the delegates.

It's often said that as much information and knowledge is shared outside the formal sessions as inside them. I totally agree, having been an active participant in operator workshops since 1988.

I would also encourage all operators in Queensland to join up as a Member of WIOA, make a contribution and get involved in whatever way you can.

I welcome your attendance, and invite you to wholeheartedly contribute to WIOW 2008, and all future workshops and training programs being developed both here, and nationally, by WIOA.

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