

**Memorandum of Agreement**  
between  
**Water Directorate and Australian Water Association**

**Preamble**

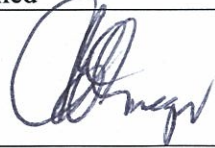

The Water Directorate (WD) and the NSW Branch of the Australian Water Association (AWA) have a strong and shared interest in the successful management of regional urban water services in NSW. They have served the sector independently up to now, with a degree of cooperation in some activities. Better outcomes can be achieved, with greater efficiency, if the two organisations collaborate much more closely from now on; so this Memorandum of Agreement sets the scene for the necessary level of cooperation in the future.

**Agreement**

The WD and AWA agree that they will collaborate in future to achieve better management of regional urban water systems across NSW and that, in particular, the following actions will be taken:

1. All relevant and agreed activities in NSW will be jointly badged as AWA and WD; either with side-by-side logos or by using one logo with the phrase, 'in affiliation with...' alluding to the other party.
2. Ongoing, effective communication will be put in place, between staff and volunteer members of both organisations, to ensure full knowledge of planned activities and initiatives.
3. For each activity and/product, actual ownership and share of risk/reward will be pre-agreed; preferably in the form of a living schedule for ongoing reference; and making optimum use of the complementary skills and resources of the organisations.
4. The WD will invite the CEO of AWA (or a nominee) as an observer on its Executive Committee and AWA will appoint the Executive Officer of the WD as an ex officio member of its NSW Branch Committee.
5. An Action Sheet will be developed, showing all joint activities and responsibilities, so there is no confusion about roles.
6. AWA will make up to a page of each issue of its journal, *Water*, available for use by the WD to disseminate information to a national and global audience; both organisations will make use of the *Newsdrop* newsletter to disseminate information to a regional NSW audience; and WD will promote AWA activities in its newsletter.
7. The WD will assist AWA in promoting individual and corporate membership of AWA among its constituents
8. Both organisations will collaborate to promote joint membership of AWA and the WD.
9. This Agreement will be reviewed at least once every two years.
10. Either party may terminate the Agreement, in writing, at 90 days notice.
11. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, committed activities and products will be allowed to run their course, but no new work will be undertaken after the termination date.

Signed

	
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