**Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*)** ***e-*flash**

**Information for Water Industry Managers and Practitioners in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**1.   qldwater Emerging Contaminants Workshop
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[Registrations](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/emerging-contaminants-workshop/event-info-site/ExtraContent/ContentPage?page=1) are now open for the [Emerging Contaminants Workshop](https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/emerging-contaminants-workshop/event-info-site/Agenda) being held on 2 May 2019, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the Crosby Park Events Centre, Brothers Rugby Club, 103 Crosby Road, Albion.

***qldwater*** Emerging Contaminants Workshop was initiated by the ***qldwater*** Sewage and Water Environment Advisory Panel (SWEAP) and TRG as a way for water and sewerage service providers to compare the ways they are dealing with emerging contaminants. They also saw opportunities for greater information sharing to save costs and help with messaging when new contaminants emerge in the future. There will be case studies from Queensland utilities as well as presentations from national research agencies and regulators. We have allowed plenty of time for discussion with the aim of addressing the question – How can the sector be better prepared to manage emerging contaminants?

This event is free for speakers and for up to two representatives per ***qldwater***member, with additional attendees and non-members charged at $100 per person. For further information contact ***qldwater*** on 3632 6850 or email Diana Kislitsyna or Rob Fearon.

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**2.**[**2019 IPWEAQ Excellence Awards**](http://mail.eventsairmail.com/wf/click?upn=XzqSeDouIVmfuFwo9NmbxEUvvC7rE135l2FuDucf-2BnVingptGyxGjHPMubBHLH5V_1X6c-2BQx-2F26NlHx-2B2sDRuphQYXhcdGhH6-2B29E3K8eB1luFDLSdC-2FqSHa9RnR635zGIXtlD-2BWcshsn5wGQOZvoXoMDXqeOxpvMRSST7wjfPEMMLoC9RkyVR2eErnX-2BK0-2BxWuwq2FJ3Tar5AaokttubcSf5A0EeXuW91mBNH4P1KU-2FkRN9T19UP71bxZFYMtdimU04gjmPfm6Agemcbh0XQhg8UldwdaxCD9XRGe8GGDTPjhZkoumbmWZfHPAYwBSFHN8hcAlEDGG4-2B1-2Fl1vM6OAw4orzFXLsrR2CAsWMc9RAmu-2F1iKVTeunvmc-2BISiPyTj-2B1dAZdiyKMkwXodn1vFnow-3D-3D)

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Nominations are now open and close on **5 July 2019**. Nominations should be made [online](https://www.ipweaq.com/awards). Winners will be announced at the Gala Awards Ceremony and Dinner to be held at the Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane on 23 October 2019.

**Award Categories include:**

Project Awards

* Innovation
* Projects under $1 million
* Projects under $2 million
* Projects $2 million to $5 million
* Projects $5 million to $10 million
* Projects over $10 million
* Asset Management
* Environment and Sustainability
* Innovation & Sustainability in Water - projects under $5 million
* Innovation & Sustainability in Water - projects over $5 million

People Awards

* Engineer of the Year
* Woman in Engineering
* Young Engineer of the Year
* Team Member of the Year (non-engineers and includes Supervisors, Works Officers and other support staff)
* President’s Award – chosen by President
* Futures Challenge – chosen by delegates

For more information visit the [IPWEAQ website](https://www.ipweaq.com/awards).

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**DES NEPM Briefing Session**

As reported in the last eFlash, the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (NEMP) was published in February 2018. The Heads of EPAs (HEPA) National Chemicals Working Group has been working since to clarify and expand on the guidance in the NEMP. DES is convening a Public Consultation session on 2 April 2019 to discuss proposed amendments to the [PFAS Draft NEMP version 2](https://www.vision6.com.au/ch/35572/1z59f/2805098/F7PMNA_2WkJ.uW1T8slsUMESxBj1_ie9b.xA_P7B.html). **A second workshop specifically for Water Service Providers has been canceled** due to small number of registrations but providers are invited to attend the morning session. Details are as follows:

* **Location:** Conference Room ‘Quay 2’, **Park Regis North Quay**, 293 N Quay, Brisbane,
* **Time:** 10.00 -11:00 am.
* **RSVP** [to attend here](https://www.vision6.com.au/ch/35572/1z59f/2803148/F7PMNA_2WkJ.uW1T8slsjMOHP_.SpNpUGD3oaIQA.html).
* **Submissions** **are due by** **31 May 2019** using details available on [Victoria EPA website](https://www.vision6.com.au/ch/35572/1z59f/2805100/F7PMNA_2WkJ.uW1T8slsvatKWHaUF77TGhMfErLK.html) or by asking the PFASProjectTeam@des.qld.gov.au.

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1. **The Queensland Police Service** has released the latest Security Forecast, which is now available in the members area of our website -  <http://www.qldwater.com.au/Counter-terrorism>.   The information contained in the QPS documents may be viewed and circulated internally, however it should not be provided to the public / media or forwarded to external third parties.  Members must log in first to access this information.
2. Stormwater Queensland (SQ) and the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) Australasia have come together for a joint conference in 2019 to recognise the common values and purpose they share in effective land, stormwater and waterway management:

All soil and water professionals are invited to join in Cairns in October 2019. The conference will bring together practitioners, academics, suppliers, asset owners and students in a common forum to engage, collaborate, discuss and dive headfirst into the reality checks we must undertake in areas such as runoff management, regulation and to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

This conference aims to celebrate the successes, explore new challenges, encourage better integration of soil and water management, and promote engineering and science as complimentary disciplines.

2019 IECA Australasian Conference and Stormwater Queensland Conference

1st October – 3rd October 2019

Hilton Cairns

For more details please visit  [www.ieca-sqconference.com.au](http://www.ieca-sqconference.com.au)

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