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

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

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These conferences are is part of ***qldwater’s*** Water Connections Tour, supported by Dial Before You Dig.  ***qldwater*** conferences are an informal opportunity for networking, updates on what’s impacting Queensland’s water and sewerage service providers, and technical presentations.  In 2019 we’ll also have a session devoted to development of an industry roadmap (it’s a lot more fun than it sounds).

Sponsorship opportunities including dinners are available for both events.  We are pleased to confirm Royce Water Technologies, Aquatec Maxcon and Innovative Water Care International Pty Ltd as gold sponsors for each event.

We are calling for relevant technical and other presentations to fill 25 minute slots.  We are particularly interested to hear about interesting projects and technical presentations from ***qldwater*** members, or organisations that can co-present relevant case studies with members. We aim to make the process as easy as possible: you only need to provide us with a brief outline now and a PowerPoint on the day if accepted.

1. Townsville with thanks to host Townsville City Council

What the program looks like so far:

Thursday 4 July

* Bus tour of Haughton Pipeline commencing around 2pm
* Optional dinner, venue TBC

Friday 5 July

* Conference at Riverway Sports Stadium, commencing 9am.

A reminder that accommodation will be difficult to source in Townsville because of the supercars, and the floods have only created additional pressure…

1. Hervey Bay with thanks to host Fraser Coast Regional Council

What the program looks like so far:

Thursday 25 July

* Tour – likely to start mid-morning (TBC) visiting historical infrastructure in Maryborough, and Hervey Bay later in the day visiting active projects
* Optional dinner, venue TBC

Friday 26 July

* Conference, venue TBC

If you are interested in presenting at either event, please contact Dave Cameron (dcameron@qldwater.com.au; 0407 761 991).

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**2.   Biloela Central Queensland Conference  – Presentations Available Online!**

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Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Central Queensland Conference in Biloela. It was a very productive day with more than 40 delegates in attendance. [View the event photos!](https://qldwater.smugmug.com/Biloela-Conference-2019/)

General comments, audience engagement and conference feedback have been positive. From polling results during the conference it is clear that industry sees operator shortage/competency issues are particularly important.

Presentations from the event are available for download by delegates and ***qldwater*** members at: <https://ipweaq.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/qldwater-cq-conference-and-training-biloela-march-2019/cq-conference-2019/Agenda>. When you click on a presentation you’ll be asked to log in before you can download the presentations. If you haven’t already set up a ***qldwater*** web account, select ‘register for an account’ and provided your registration uses a member organisation email address or you attended the event, you’ll be able to access the presentations.

If you need help accessing the presentations from the Biloela Conference, please contact Diana Kislitsyna on 3632 6850 or dkislitsyna@qldwater.com.au.

We would like to again thank Banana Shire Council for hosting this event, and acknowledge Gold Sponsors Royce Water Technologies, Aquatec Maxcon, Innovative Water Care International Pty Ltd, Dinner Sponsor 360 Engineering, Silver Sponsor Taggle Systems Pty Ltd andWater Connections Tour sponsor Dial Before You Dig**.**

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**3.   Reef Regulations Amendment Bill: Regional Hearings and Extension to Reporting Date**

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The reporting date for the inquiry into the Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 has been extended to **26 April 2019** .

The committee will be traveling to regional Queensland to hold public hearings for the inquiry.

To attend the hearings you can register  your interest in speaking at one of the ‘open microphone’ sessions.

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Venue** |
| Wednesday 10 April 2019 | 4:00pm – 6:00pm | Townsville | Ballroom 2The VilleSir Leslie Thiess DriveTownsville |
| Thursday 11 April 2019 | 10:00am – 12:30pm | Mackay | Gold RoomSouths Leagues Club181 Milton StreetMackay |
| Friday 12 April 2019 | 11:00am – 1:30pm | Bundaberg | Burnett RoomBurnett Riverside Hotel7 Quay StreetBundaberg |

Additional information and  documents relating to the committee’s inquiry, including the Bill, explanatory notes, speeches and hearing transcripts, can be viewed on the [committee’s webpage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.parliament.qld.gov.au_work-2Dof-2Dcommittees_committees_ITDEC_inquiries_current-2Dinquiries_16EnvProGBRPM&d=DwMFAg&c=tpTxelpKGw9ZbZ5Dlo0lybSxHDHIiYjksG4icXfalgk&r=-7i74w_C3FU4zcc1FXHBnUbmgs0l21v1RL6yvuN8COA&m=6xONsG92mqBri7fdbFzXjOCud61HhU54zq8bxctw4kI&s=9kTCTQW3oz9V3GbxzXoaG6eIT12-f609-cdeqoFYGsY&e=).

More information on the work of the committee can be viewed on its [website](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.parliament.qld.gov.au_work-2Dof-2Dcommittees_committees_ITDEC&d=DwMFAg&c=tpTxelpKGw9ZbZ5Dlo0lybSxHDHIiYjksG4icXfalgk&r=-7i74w_C3FU4zcc1FXHBnUbmgs0l21v1RL6yvuN8COA&m=6xONsG92mqBri7fdbFzXjOCud61HhU54zq8bxctw4kI&s=iVKylbNRBV2FvfjOblrOwZcMdQD2NJZiIBkWmvWEZX8&e=).

Please contact the committee’s secretariat on 3553 6662 or at itdec@parliament.qld.gov.au if you require any further information.

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**4.   Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019**

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A range of new regulatory instruments relating to plumbing and drainage have been approved by Governor in Council with a commencement date of 1 July 2019.

* [Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/sl-2019-0042/lh)
* [Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/act-2018-017)
* Revised [Plumbing and Wastewater Code V1: 2019](http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/QueenslandPlumbingAndWastewaterCode_26March2019.pdf)

The Department of Housing and Public Works is currently reviewing associated forms and once the final drafts are prepared, they will be made available for review and comment on the Department’s website.

Between April and June, information sessions will be held across Queensland about the upcoming changes to the plumbing laws. Registration is now open, with information available [here](https://www.yoursayhpw.engagementhq.com/plumbing-law-changes).

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