**Queensland Water Skills e-Flash #20**

**Information for Water Industry Managers, Human Resources Personnel and Employees in the Queensland Water Industry**

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***qldwater***  has secured a grant from Skills Queensland to undertake a project trial, focussed on on technical development and upskilling for regional water treatment services.  The project is an exciting opportunity to take a holistic approach to managing drinking water, with expert technical support and ongoing mentoring.

The main focus of this project is to provide a contemporary approach aimed at improving regional Queensland’s drinking water services, through workforce development activities such as mentoring, sound planning and upskilling.

The project will target two key regions: Longreach and Central West Queensland and Burnett and Toowoomba regions and surrounds.

***qldwater*** will develop communication strategies and a continuity plan to ensure the outcomes and learnings can be applied in other regions.

For further information on the project contact Michelle Hill on mhill@qldwater.com.au or 07 3632 6853.

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**2.      New TAFE Queensland**

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Under new legislation, a new TAFE Queensland independent statutory body will be established on 1 July 2013.  The new entity will manage all TAFE institutes.

Education, Training and Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek made the announcement and said up until now the Government had been both a purchaser and provider of training. Mr Langbroek said the revitalisation of TAFE was central to the State Government's VET reform agenda which is intended to lift training participation and completion rates, particularly in regional Queensland.

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Following up on member requests for training provider contact details and information on short courses such as CCTV inspections, sewer re-lining, utility locator training, jet rodding, lab techniques and leak detection, ***qldwater*** has compiled a list of specialist short course training providers available on the ***qldwater*** website available here [Specialist Short Course Providers List](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Skills_Specialst_Short_Courses).

This list is not exhaustive but the plan is to build the list over time, as information is provided by members or training providers.

Please contact skills@qldwater.com.au if you have details of training providers that are appropriate to be added to the list (e.g. other providers for the courses listed below or other specialist course providers such as sewer re-lining or jet-rodding).

Information on RTO’s that provide training in National Water Training Package Qualifications Cert II level and above are already available under ‘[Vocational Education and Training](http://www.qldwater.com.au/Skills_Vocational_Education)’ on the ***qldwater*** website.

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