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

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

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**2.   Greentape Reduction Act – EHP Free Training Sessions**

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The amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* made by the [Greentape Reduction Act](http://www.vision6.com.au/ch/35278/17812/1779652/d881115nf.pdf) will come into effect on 31 March 2013.

Learn about the changes to the Environmental Protection Act and Regulation, including the new types of applications, streamlined processes and managing your environmental authority.

To help answer your questions, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is offering free training sessions for local government, business and industry members across Queensland in March.

We have contacted the department and they have confirmed that as licence holders, those responsible for sewage treatment would benefit best from the business and industry sessions as the local government sessions are focussed on local governments as co-administrators of devolved ERAs under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

The 3-hour sessions will be held across Queensland at the following locations:

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| **Date** | **Place** | **Time** |
|  |  | **Local Government**  | **Industry** |
| Tuesday, 5 March 2013 | Mackay | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Tuesday, 5 March 2013 | Brisbane | 9 am – 12 noon |  |
| Thursday, 7 March 2013 | Brisbane |  | Resource Industry9 am – 12 noon |
| Friday, 8 March 2013 | Maryborough | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Friday, 8 March 2013 | Sunshine Coast | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Wednesday, 13 March 2013 | Cairns | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Thursday, 14 March 2013 | Gold Coast | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Friday, 15 March 2013 | Gladstone | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Monday, 18 March 2013 | Brisbane |  | General Industry9 am – 12 noon |
| Wednesday, 20 March 2013 | Emerald | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Friday, 22 March 2013 | Townsville | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Wednesday,27 March 2013 | Toowoomba | 9 am – 12 noon | 1.30 – 4.30 pm |

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please email the Greentape Reduction Team - Epact.Policy@ehp.qld.gov.au

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**2.  Gympie Water Conference – Thursday 21 February 2013**

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The Gympie Water Conference and the South East Queensland Final of the Best of the Best Water Taste Test is coming up next week on Thursday 21 February 2013.

With a great venue and an excellent line-up of speakers talking about topics of interest in your region, the event promises to be a great learning experience and networking opportunity.  The technical tour of Gympie's BNR STP will be one of the highlights of the afternoon session, so register now to avoid disappointment!

The SEQ regional taste test final is open to members from Logan City Council, Redland City Council, Gold Coast City Council, Bundaberg Regional Council, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Gympie Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council, Queensland Urban Utilities (Brisbane, Somerset, Scenic Rim, Lockyer Valley, Ipswich Council areas), South Burnett Regional Council, Unitywater (Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast Regional Council areas) and Wide Bay Water Corporation (Fraser Coast Regional Council).

We urge you to come along and enjoy the day – and don’t forget to bring a water sample and have a go at the Best of the Best Water Taste Test!

Particular thanks again to our major sponsors Orica Australia, hosts – Gympie Regional Council, and event sponsors OPUS, Local Buy and the Pump House.

* The draft event program and registration form is available [**here**](http://www.qldwater.com.au/2013_Water_Taste_Test_and_Conference_SEQ)
* Rules and entry form for the taste test are available [**here**](http://www.qldwater.com.au/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=119321)