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

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

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The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has alerted us of its intention to remove the requirement for local governments to have Trade Waste Management plans under the EPP Water. This change is driven by the current savage green-tape and red–tape reduction program of the State Government and is linked with the previously advised decision to remove Total Water Cycle Management (TWCM) plans. The requirements for trade waste under the *SEQ Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009* and the *Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008* will not be changed.

***qldwater*** supports rationalisation of the burden of unnecessary regulation of the urban water industry but has also requested more time for Sewerage Service Providers to assess the impacts of sudden removal of established regulatory requirements. Unfortunately little time has been provided in this case and any issues caused by the change need to be communicated with the Department **before close of business 25 October 2013**.

Should you have any queries or issues, please contact Department of Environment and Heritage Protection directly (Jim Fewings - 3330 5655 - evinfo@ehp.qld.gov.au ) or contact Rob Fearon (0428 300 208 – rfearon@qldwater.com.au) at ***qldwater*** before 25th October.

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**2.    *qldwater* Sponsored Award Winners at IPWEAQ State Conference**

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The ***qldwater*** sponsored Water Engineering Awards were presented at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland (IPWEAQ) State Conference last week in Cairns.  Congratulations to the winners below:

Projects under $1 million:  Bedourie Cooling Ponds,  Diamantina Shire Council.

Projects over $10 million: Agnes Water / Seventeen Seventy Integrated Water Project, Gladstone Regional Council.

Innovation: Total Water Cycle Management Plan, Redland City Council.

Dawson Wilkie Best Paper Award:  The Cleaner Seas Project: 3 Years On.  Michael Taylor,  Cairns Regional Council.  Michael receives a trophy and $1,000 towards costs of presenting at another relevant conference.

These awards complement our annual operator awards with WIOA, and this year’s 10th anniversary industry contribution awards.  Please consider nominating projects and individuals you think are worthy of this important peer recognition.

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