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Dear Household

Dr. Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, from the Australian National University, and I are investigating intra-household water use in the ACT region as part of on-going research to provide water researchers and policy makers with data about water use within households. Data at the intra-household scale is currently missing from water management debates.

We invite interested households to participate in this research by keeping a water use diary over a seven (7) day period during National Water Week, October 18 - 24, 2009. This is the third, and last, time we plan to run the diary in the ACT region and are hoping for a strong response to this call for volunteers.

The primary activity involves households keeping a written record of the water used in the household during the week, noting who used how much water, at what time, to perform which water activity. Participation also entails completing a short, self-paced survey, which some households will be asked to answer in an interview, and regular meter readings (where possible).

The data will be incorporated into a report, to be made available to participants and on various websites. We also anticipate the results being presented at conferences and in peer reviewed academic journals. The results of previous survey's, and relevant publications, are available on request.

If you would like to participate in this innovative approach to water research by keeping a one week journal of your household's water use, or want more information, please contact me using the details below.

It would be appreciated if you could forward this invite to others you think may be interested in participating.

Thank your for your interest in this project.

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