



Setting the Global Standard

Australian Water Stewardship Standards Workshop & Dinner

1–2 February 2012

Australian water stewardship standards

Water stewardship is gaining momentum around the world as a tool for managing water risk, resolving water conflict and allowing major rural, industrial and commercial water users to benchmark against 'best practice' stakeholder-supported standards for socially and environmentally sustainable water use.

Water Stewardship Australia (WSA) is currently revising its pioneering first draft Australian standard in light of local field trials and international input through its affiliation with the global Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS), which is now undertaking a global standard development process.

Standards revision workshop and dinner

Australian stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input to the revision of the Australian standard and influence the direction of the international standard at a workshop and dinner to be held on 1–2 February 2012 at Janet Clarke Hall, University of Melbourne.

A technical committee appointed by WSA is currently reviewing the Australian standard and will put its recommendations to the stakeholder workshop for consideration. Members of the International Standards Development Committee will join the workshop and dinner to better understand Australian issues.

The program for the two days is set out below:

Day 1: Wednesday, 1 February 2012

**Update on Australian and international water stewardship standards
(2:30 – 5:30pm)**

Current developments in a global water stewardship system and background to the Australian and international standards development process, including presentations by international standards development experts Matthew Wenban Smith of OneWorld Standards, and Alexis Morgan of WWF US.

AWS / WSA Dinner (pre-dinner drinks from 6:00pm for 7:00pm dinner)

Joint Water Stewardship Australia and international Alliance for Water Stewardship dinner

Keynote speaker **Chloe Munro**, Chair National Water Commission.
Special guest speaker **Phil Duncan**, Chair First People's Water Engagement Council

Day 2: Thursday, 2nd February 2012

**Workshop to review proposals for revision of the Australian standard
(8:30am – 5:30pm)**

Since WSA developed the world's first water stewardship standard in 2009 a great deal has been learnt and new experience has been gained internationally. Revisions proposed by WSA's Technical Advisory Committee will be reviewed at this workshop by economic, social and environmental stakeholders to agree recommendations on the final shape of the revised standard. The day will be kicked-off with a presentation about global requirements for best practice standards by Sasha Courville, Executive Director of ISEAL Alliance, the international authority on social and environmental standard setting.

Where

Janet Clark Hall, University of Melbourne, Royal Parade, Parkville, Victoria 3052

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