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THE BETTER WATER WORKSHOP SERIES

THE ROLE OF THE WORKSHOP HOST

To be successful, the Better Water Workshop needs to be hosted by a regional organisation with a real interest in having their region benefit from the Program. Host organisations will be supported by the National Better Water Team in organising, and running workshops. Regional Natural Resource Management Organisations are seen as being best placed to take on the host role.

WHY HOST A BETTER WATER WORKSHOP?

By hosting a Better Water Workshop you and your organisation can:

- Improve water quality management, monitoring and reporting in your catchment
- Develop or review water quality improvement plans and identify priority actions
- Demonstrate your successful water quality activities and projects
- Improve capacities in a wide range of areas that relate to water quality natural resource management
- Gain skills, knowledge and learn how to pass this on to build awareness together with community and organisational capacity

WHAT SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED?

Key support will be provided by the National Better Water Team during each phase of the workshop, including meeting all direct costs of the workshop.

Planning: Senior National Team members will be involved in helping to plan and tailor each workshop. A 'local' Team member will be allocated to your region to work with you and others to plan and shape the workshop, consistent with the program and locally identified needs. A small number of meetings will be arranged, to arrange invitations, media releases and other stakeholder engagement strategies required.

Running: The Better Water Team will provide all materials for the Workshop, except for the Case Studies. This will include workshop folders and workshop modules. Two to three senior members of the National Team will also facilitate and deliver the workshop sessions.

Post Workshop Action: The Better Water Team will undertake all review processes and provide a report to all participants on the workshop.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE HOST ORGANISATION?

The Host Organisation will accept a reasonable level of ownership and responsibility for co-ordination of the Better Water Workshop and follow-up action.

The Host will assist in identifying the need, recommended focus and thrust of each workshop via the regional questionnaire. Once Workshop locations are finalised, selected regions help to identify participants and engage these people in further tailoring the Workshop to the regional and local needs. The Host will be assisted in this process by the provision of relevant information and other resources from the National Better Water Team.

Host Organisations may well convene a small group of stakeholder as an organising committee for the workshop. Organisation and payment for the venue, food and catering will be covered by the Better Water Team. Generally, participants will be expected to meet their own travel and any overnight accommodation costs. The program will meet all travel and accommodation costs of the Better Water Team.

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