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THE BETTER WATER WORKSHOP SERIES

THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL BETTER WATER TEAM

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) has engaged GHD, working in conjunction with Total Catchment Management Services (TCMS), to develop and deliver the Better Water Workshop Series with strong involvement from Regional Natural Resource Management Organisations (RNRMO), and other key stakeholders.

WHAT IS THE BETTER WATER TEAM?

The Team comprises of GHD water quality specialists and professional educators and facilitators from TCMS. The Team combines public and private sector experience in water resource and catchment management planning, training and capacity building.

HOW WILL THE TEAM ENGAGE WITH REGIONS?

The Team will conduct several surveys and interviews during the program to identify regional needs and assist in engaging stakeholders, and designing workshops:

Prior to the workshops:

- Survey of Regional Natural Resource Management Organisations (RNRMO) in all 56 regions across Australia will help in selecting workshop locations
- Interviews with staff of RNRMOs and River Care Coordinators in each region will identify training needs where a Better Water Workshop will be held.
- Surveys of key stakeholders in each region where a Better Water Workshop is to be held will identify interests.

Immediately Post Workshop:

Data will be collected at the conclusion of each workshop to help enhance future workshops.

Post Workshop:

A follow up survey is conducted to help maintain the momentum developed through the workshops.

WHAT SERVICES WILL THE TEAM PROVIDE?

The Team has initially prepared an information folder, of which this Fact Sheet is a part of, to inform RNRMOs about the opportunities to host a Better Water Workshop.

Through each phase of the program the Team will prepare surveys and analyse the responses to assist in selecting workshop locations and develop targeted workshop modules. The Team will:

1. Develop all workshop modules in consultation with regions, and organise and pay for venues, catering and invitations.
2. Deliver each workshop and prepare an outcomes report for all participants.
3. Prepare an evaluation report with recommendations on follow-up action, to further promote the implementation of the National Water Quality Management Strategy.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE BETTER WATER TEAM?

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| Peter Sutherland : | Project Director, GHD |
| Sandy Booth : | Lead Facilitator, TCMS |
| Grahame Collier : | Principal Educator / Facilitator |
| Phil Smith : | Principal Educator / Facilitator |
| Peter Stewart : | ICM Facilitator |
| Heather Gunton : | Project Officer, GHD |

GHD Regional Staff:

NRM Specialists from GHD's network of over 40 Offices throughout Australia.

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