



## **Competing for Water in a Climate of Change – Australia’s largest water conference and exhibition opens on Tuesday**

- **Ozwater13 to be held in Perth from May 7 – 9, 2013**
- **“Competing for Water in a Climate of Change” open for discussion**

Ozwater’13, Australia’s premier annual water event, will officially open on Tuesday in Perth.

Hosted annually by the Australian Water Association, Ozwater’13 brings together the who’s who in the water industry from around the globe, to discuss the important topics facing the sector and to provide a platform to exchange strategies and ideas in a public forum.

AWA Chief Executive, Mr Tom Mollenkopf, said this year’s theme, *Competing for Water in a Climate of Change*, was adopted as Australia, like the rest of the world, are witness to a dynamic environment, physically, economically, and politically.

“Our physical climate is continually challenging us to ensure we are one step ahead. We must be able to anticipate the long term challenges to climate and the wider national and international trends. This conference is the perfect opportunity to work together to build a better water future”, said Mr Mollenkopf.

Over 120 papers on water issues and strategies will be showcased over the three day event, which will explore the topics of water technology, operations and asset management, water business, climate resilient water, mining and industry water management and more.

“In addition to a comprehensive conference program featuring international and national water experts, there will be seminars, workshops, networking functions, and of course the nation’s largest water trade exhibition”, said Mr Mollenkopf.

International guest speakers at this year’s conference include:

- Chair of the Sri Lanka Water Partnership, Kusum Athurkorala
- Chief Executive of South West Water in the United Kingdom, Christopher Loughlin, and
- Professor John Lloyd Emeritus Professor from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

### **Event facts:**

- **Ozwater’13 is being held at Perth Convention & Exhibition from May 7 – 9, 2013**
- **For the full program and more information about Ozwater visit <http://www.ozwater.org/>**
- **For a press pass please contact Amanda White on 0401 806 277**