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Rethinking Canberra's urban water management

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Tomorrow, Canberra's water sector leaders will come together to discuss the strategic planning and management of the ACT's urban water system at the Australian Water Association's annual Water Matters Conference.

With the recent decline in research budgets in many areas, including urban water, it is incumbent upon governments and local jurisdictions to begin to develop their own resilience when it comes to the planning and design of urban water management

Australian Water Association ACT Branch President, Adrian Piani, said that conferences such as this event serve as the catalyst for developing that resilience and the ACT needs to work together to build resilience as it is uniquely placed with its urban management issues.

"As the largest urban development in the Murray-Darling Basin, Canberra has water demand, water quality and water management pressures directly associated with an increasing population and an expanding urban landscape. These pressures will lead to on-going and deteriorating water quality, unless counter measures are taken.

The day will include an opening presentation from ACT Minister for Water, Simon Corbell, while speakers from both the public and private sectors will explore the current urban management framework, canvass the pressures associated with urban development, and reflect on the social implications of degrading water quality.

"The Conference will focus on improving water quality flowing from urban areas into our lakes and waterways, and mitigating the negative impact of increasing development and poor catchment management," said Mr Piani.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 11 June

Time: 8:45am

Location: CSIRO Discovery Centre

Registration: www.awa.asn.au/watermatters

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