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Gold Coast student reaches finals of national water science competition

A 17 year old student from Queensland Academy for Health Sciences, Gold Coast, has been named as a finalist in an annual national water science competition - the Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

Gemma McMahon is one of only three Australian senior high school students to be selected to compete for the national prize after impressing judges with her project - an investigation into the impact of increasing human population on marine environments around the Gold Coast.

Gemma will now go on to present her project to a panel of three judges at the Australian Water Association's Ozwater conference in March. If she wins, Gemma will compete against young scientists from over 30 countries at the international stage of the competition to be held in Stockholm in August.

Sponsored by ITT Water and Wastewater and Gold Coast Water, the Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize aims to increase interest in water related issues and research, and to raise awareness and knowledge of global water challenges.

For more information about the Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize go to www.awa.asn.au/sjwp

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Notes to Editors

- The Australian Water Association (AWA) is Australia's leading water sector body, representing over 10,000 water professionals around the country and across all water disciplines.

- AWA provides leadership in the water sector on a wide range of issues, including skills shortages, climate change and water reuse and recycling.
- AWA works to enhance the skills and knowledge of water professionals and promote and disseminate best practice through an extensive range of technical seminars, courses and events.