

MEDIA INVITATION

Australia's prosperity now rides on water

Event: National Water Policy Summit

Date: 7 October

Venue: The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne

The Australian Water Association is hosting the National Water Policy Summit, bringing together the top 150 influential and engaging water industry leaders, providing an opportunity to hear about the development of future water policy Australia-wide.

Some of the keynote presenters include:

- Tim Fischer AC, **Former Deputy Prime Minister** (6 October at Summit Dinner)
- Virginia Trioli, Media Personality (facilitator)
- Phil Davies, Chief Executive, **Infrastructure Australia**
- Andrew Bomm, Executive Director, **Ricegrowers' Association of Australia**
- Ian Thompson, First Assistant Secretary, **Department of Agriculture**
- Kevin Young, Managing Director, **Sydney Water**
- Matt Williams, Partner – Risk, **Deloitte**
- Daniel Lambert, Water Leader Australasia, **Arup**
- Patrick Mulholland, Manager Global Infrastructure, **QIC**
- Mario D'Elia, Partner, **PwC**
- Kate Houghton, **Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Victoria)**

Key topics that will be discussed include:

- National Water Planning - the Call for Inter-jurisdictional Leadership
- How Will Customer Needs Drive Policy and Business Operations
- Reforms to Increase Investment
- Reforming Stormwater and Recreational Water Use

The results from both the AWA/Arup National Water Consumer Survey and AWA/Deloitte State of the Water Sector Survey 2015 will also be released at the Summit. These surveys provide the first ever opportunity to compare the perceptions of consumers and the water industry itself. Embargoed copies of the reports will be available on 6 October.

A full program is available at www.awa.asn.au/policysummit

Please contact Amanda White, National Manager – Communications and Policy, by **Thursday, 1 October** if you would like to attend.