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Australia's leading water associations sign new collaborative agreement

A new collaborative agreement between two of the leading water associations in Australia is set to deliver long term benefits for the Australian water sector.

The agreement, signed today between the Australian Water Association (AWA) and the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA), will offer the sector a stronger and more consistent voice, as both organisations pursue the joint goal of advancing an innovative and sustainable water sector in Australia.

The agreement outlines the principles of cooperation and specific areas for collaboration, including conference delivery and international relations, in order to achieve improved outcomes for the Australian water industry.

Commenting on the agreement, AWA President Peter Robinson said: 'AWA and WSAA share a common vision for a world class water sector. Working together to improve and advance the industry is in the best interests of our members and I am confident we can make great progress as a result of today's agreement.'

WSAA Chairman Kevin Young said: 'WSAA welcomes this agreement, which formalizes the way our two associations will work together to support the urban water industry. Tackling high priority challenges including water industry skills development, sustainable water services and international collaborations are important joint initiatives. We look forward to a continued strong collaboration.'

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Notes to Editors

- AWA is Australia's leading membership association for water professionals and organisations. Independent and not for profit AWA plays an important role in supporting the Australian water sector in the delivery of effective and sustainable water management practices.
- WSAA is the peak body for the Australian urban water industry and provides a forum for debate on issues important to the industry. The Association's members provide water and sewerage services to over 16 million homes and many industrial and commercial enterprises.