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Australian water delegation to visit India

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Over 45 Australian water industry delegates will travel to India next week to share the vast amount of knowledge and technology solutions that Australia has in water and wastewater management with business, industry and government in India.

The delegation, being led by the Australian Water Association and Austrade, is part of Australia Business Week and will include an Australian Pavilion at India Water Week hosting 16 Australian companies.

The Australian exhibitors will showcase their technologies and experience in governance frameworks to secure water supplies, wastewater treatment solutions, water recycling systems, odour control systems and alternative supply options.

India is seeking ways to address issues with water quality and availability, in particular focusing on the USD\$1.5 billion Ganga Rejuvenation project which mandates Zero Liquid Discharge being made from all industry, particularly those located on the banks of rivers by April 2015.

AWA Chief Executive, Jonathan McKeown, said that the Australian water sector has had decades of experience developing strategies and technologies to deal with harsh climatic conditions, and ensuring it has a safe and secure water supply.

“Australia has developed both large and small-scale cost effective technologies for treating waste water, cleaning up river basins, protecting the environment, and saving water supplies by relining pipes, harnessing groundwater and utilising storm water runoff.

“Opportunities for Australian business in India includes projects in urban water management; water resources management; catchment modelling; catchment area development; industrial water treatment and management; water quality monitoring tools and techniques.

“India Water Week offers a great opportunity for Australian water businesses to promote a range of interesting technologies for dealing with liquid and solid waste that can be used in India’s cities, industries and villages”, said Mr McKeown.

Trade and Investment Minister, Andrew Robb, will lead the Australian delegation to Australia Business Week and has said that “Australia Business Week in India will showcase Australia as a country that is 'open for business', a great place for Indians to invest, visit and build long-term trading and educational relationships”.