

AUSTRALIAN WATER

ASSOCIATION

Ozwater'20 will not proceed in May due to COVID-19

Following the announcements of the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia to ban public gatherings of more than 500 people, the Australian Water Association's (AWA) annual conference and exhibition, Ozwater'20, will not proceed in Adelaide between 5-7 May. This will comply with the Commonwealth and the South Australian Government announcements based on the latest medical advice to contain the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.

As Ozwater attracts more than 5,000 attendees, we have no alternative but to wait for the risks associated with COVID-19 to dissipate. We strongly believe that not proceeding with Ozwater'20 in May is in the best interests of the health and wellbeing of our members, stakeholders, and the South Australian community.

Ozwater'20 has received enormous industry support with 60% of the target delegates already registered, a fully-booked exhibition, and 100% of sponsorship secured.

This event remains the largest water conference and exhibition in the Southern Hemisphere and attracts representatives from more than 20 countries. We are considering a range of alternative strategies for Ozwater'20 including the potential postponement of the event until a later date this year. We will keep our members, sponsors, exhibitors and registered delegates informed as soon as the alternatives have been carefully considered.

We shall be in direct contact with our sponsors, exhibitors, and registered delegates about administrative procedures relating to the event not proceeding in May.

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