**Queensland Water Skills e-Flash #17**

**Information for Water Industry Managers, Human Resources Personnel and Employees in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**1.      Water Industry Operators Conference (Gold Coast) – Call for Papers**

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The 38th Annual Queensland Water Industry Operators Conference and Exhibition will be held at Parklands on the Gold Coast on 5 – 6th June.

All water industry personnel involved in the operation and maintenance of urban, rural and industrial water related infrastructure for the management, conveyance, treatment, discharge and reuse of water and trade wastes are invited to submit an abstract to present a platform paper or poster at the conference.

Abstracts for platform papers and posters must be submitted electronically by email. Intending presenters should submit a half page (200 words) abstract outlining the contents of the proposed paper by email to info@wioa.org.au. The deadline for submission of abstracts is the **27th February**.

For further information visit the WIOA website - <http://www.wioa.org.au/2013conferences/qld.htm>.

A call for nominations for the ***qldwater*** Operator of the Year Awards (Young Operator of the Year and Operator of the Year – Civil) to be presented at the WIOA Conference, will go out shortly.

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**2.      Water Industry Competency Framework Project – Feedback Sought**

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GSA have been engaged by WSAA to develop a competency framework for Water Industry Occupations contained within the National Water Training Package (NWP07). The framework has many benefits for the industry but foremost it will define and clarify roles in the industry.

The first step in the development process is to propose a list of occupations to be included. Please visit the [GSA website](http://www.governmentskills.com.au/news_details.php?event_id=486) to read the full summary about the project.

GSA invites you to review the proposed list and make comment by **1 March 2013**. Visit the project website page and download the [proposed list here](http://www.governmentskills.com.au/news_details.php?event_id=486)*.*

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