**Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*)** ***e-*flash**

**Information for Water Industry Managers and Practitioners in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**1.  *qldwater* Innovation Event, 4 & 5 November – Earlybird rate closes Monday!**

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Hurry, the Earlybird rate for registrations to the ***qldwater*** Innovation Event taking place at the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday 4 November and Thursday 5 November closes Monday!

Unitywater are hosting a Technical Tour on the afternoon of Wednesday 4 November, taking in various Unitywater sites with a focus on innovation.  The program for the Technical Tour is [now available here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_203168/Technical_Tour_Program_-_4_November).   Tour attendees will need to make their own way to the Unitywater Northern Service Centre, Service Street, Kuluin, Maroochydore for a 1.00 sharp start. Directions to the Northern Service Centre [are here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_203172/Northern_Service_Centre%2C_Map_and_Directions).  The delegates will be visiting various destinations on the tour by bus which be departing from and arriving back at the Northern Service Centre, Kuluin around 5.00pm.

The full day program on Thursday 5 November will feature presentations and panel sessions, followed by dinner at the Maroochy RSL Club.  The program that has been developed is both interactive and informative with a strong emphasis on presentations by industry for industry and plenty of time for panel discussions.

There are still some LGAQ $500 travel grants available (maximum one per council) for small councils (<10,000 connections) to send staff to the event with ***qldwater*** including a free registration for the lucky recipients.  Please contact Dave Cameron dcameron@qldwater.com.au if you are interested in pursuing.

The innovation event been made possible by the kind support of SPEL Environmental (Principal Sponsor), Royce Water Technologies, Lonza Water Technologies, Water Research Australia  (Supporting Sponsors), LGAQ and our hosts Unitywater.

Registrations start at only $120 + GST including technical tour, innovation event and dinner. Save $100 if you book before 12 October - so don't delay - book today! Visit our website and download the [program and registration form here](http://www.qldwater.com.au/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=200447).

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**2.  Commencement of provisions of the EP and Other Legislation Act 2014**

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The [*Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014* (EPOLA Act)](http://www.vision6.com.au/ch/33369/18k31/2338584/4e0dahqdf.pdf) received assent on 7 November 2014.

Certain provisions of the EPOLA Act which did not commence on assent commenced on 30 September 2015. These provisions provide for amendments to the [*Environmental Protection Act 1994*](http://www.vision6.com.au/ch/33369/18k31/2338585/4e0da16zt0.pdf) to:

* introduce enforceable undertakings as an additional compliance and enforcement option
* provide a simplified contaminated land framework that requires auditor certification of contaminated land investigation documents
* streamline the process for the payment of fees for amendment applications for environmental authorities.

For more information about these amendments, visit the [Environmental Policy and Legislation](http://www.vision6.com.au/ch/33369/18k31/2338590/4e0darj6v.html) web page.

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**3.   QUICK LINKS – ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The Counter-Terrorism Strategic Policy Branch of the Queensland Police Service is keeping stakeholders informed with regular updates. This information has been recently updated and is available on our website on a confidential basis for members only.  Members must log in first to access this information - <http://www.qldwater.com.au/Counter-terrorism>.

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