

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## South East Queensland adopts regional standards

For the first time, a uniform code will apply across South East Queensland for the design and construction of new water supply and sewerage assets, making it easier for developers, engineers, consultants and service providers to deliver water infrastructure.

The five South East Queensland (SEQ) water service providers —Gold Coast City Council, Logan City Council, Queensland Urban Utilities, Redland Water and Unitywater — worked together to develop the new SEQ Water Supply and Sewerage Design and Construction Code (SEQ Code) which became effective on 1 July.

Spokesman David Fillmore said the new SEQ Code would provide greater consistency in asset planning, design and construction standards across the region, providing better long term services and ultimately lowering costs for customers.

An industry and community consultation process was undertaken to develop the SEQ Code. A Project Steering Committee was established two years ago to draft the code and public comment and feedback was incorporated into the final code.

"The new SEQ Code has replaced the wide range of existing provisions within councils' planning schemes, streamlining the design and construction process for new water and sewerage assets in the region," Mr Fillmore said.

"The previous differing technical standards made it difficult for developers and other parties to do business across the region."

The SEQ Code is compliant with Chapter 4A of the *South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act* and is based on the Water Services Association of Australia's (WSAA) national codes.

Find out more about the code - <http://www.seqcode.com.au/>

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