

Valued Stakeholder – Attention: Chief Executive Officer  
Raising National Water Standards

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Dear Valued Stakeholder,

**Round 2 Stakeholder consultation for “National Certification Framework for Operators of Potable Water Treatment Plants” Project.**

During September 2011, Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA), Australian Water Association (AWA) and Water Industry Operator’s Association of Australia forwarded a letter from Government Skills Australia (GSA) to their members informing them of the “National Certification Framework for Operators of Potable Water Treatment Plants” project.

The letter included an invitation to nominate appropriate personnel from each organisation to attend Round 1 Consultation workshops being held in each state and territory between October and December. In total, 107 water enterprises were represented at these workshops.

The input provided was invaluable in enabling the development of a “draft” Framework that could be implemented nationally. The ‘draft’ framework can be viewed on GSA website – [governmentskills.com.au](http://governmentskills.com.au) from January 21.

As previously advised, the timeframe for completion of this project is tight. Consequently, Round 2 Consultations will commence mid January and will be held in all state and territory capital cities and selected regional locations.

We again invite your organisation’s participation in these workshops to assist in developing a Certification Framework that can be embraced nationally and that clearly articulates minimum competency requirements to be attained by operators of potable water treatment facilities.

We do however, acknowledge that it may not be possible for all organisations to provide a representative so we also encourage feedback via email or phone. Contact details will be provided with the ‘draft’ framework on GSA website.

Completion date for the project remains 31 March, 2012. This project does not include implementation of the “Framework”, this will be considered by the National Water Commission, post project completion.



We greatly appreciate the support and input provided by industry to this point and look forward to your organisations on-going contribution to the development of this important project.

Can you please forward the attached Nomination form to the appropriate person/s to represent your organisations interest?

Yours sincerely



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Thanking you in anticipation of your support and contribution to this initiative.

Should you have any queries concerning this project, please contact:

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Yours sincerely



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