

VICWATER 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 8 & FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 2011

NOVOTEL FOREST RESORT CRESWICK, 1500 MIDLAND HIGHWAY, CRESWICK

*'Strategic Vision -
Innovation for The Future'*



VICTORIAN WATER
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION INC.

"Innovation, Co-operation and Sustainability"



WELCOME

On behalf of the Victorian Water Industry Association we welcome you to the 2011 VicWater Annual Conference.

The conference brings together Directors and senior managers from Victoria's water businesses, together with leaders from government, business and industry sectors.

The theme for this year's conference, "Strategic Vision – Innovation for The Future" focuses on identifying and implementing innovative solutions to address the industry's every changing challenges, whilst meeting customer's needs and expectations.

With a clear vision that encourages innovation and appropriate technology, the Victorian water industry can ensure they are an integral part of creating more liveable and attractive places to live.

Innovation is a key to improving efficiency and ensuring services are provided at least cost – the underlying aim of all Victorian water corporations.

Throughout the conference you will hear from a number of individuals who have a great deal of experience and insight and they will share the challenges they have faced and the knowledge that they have accumulated. There will also be a facilitated panel session targeted at Directors.

The conference dinners and the session breaks throughout each day provide delegates with the opportunity to network with colleagues and industry representatives, exchanging ideas and establishing new contacts.

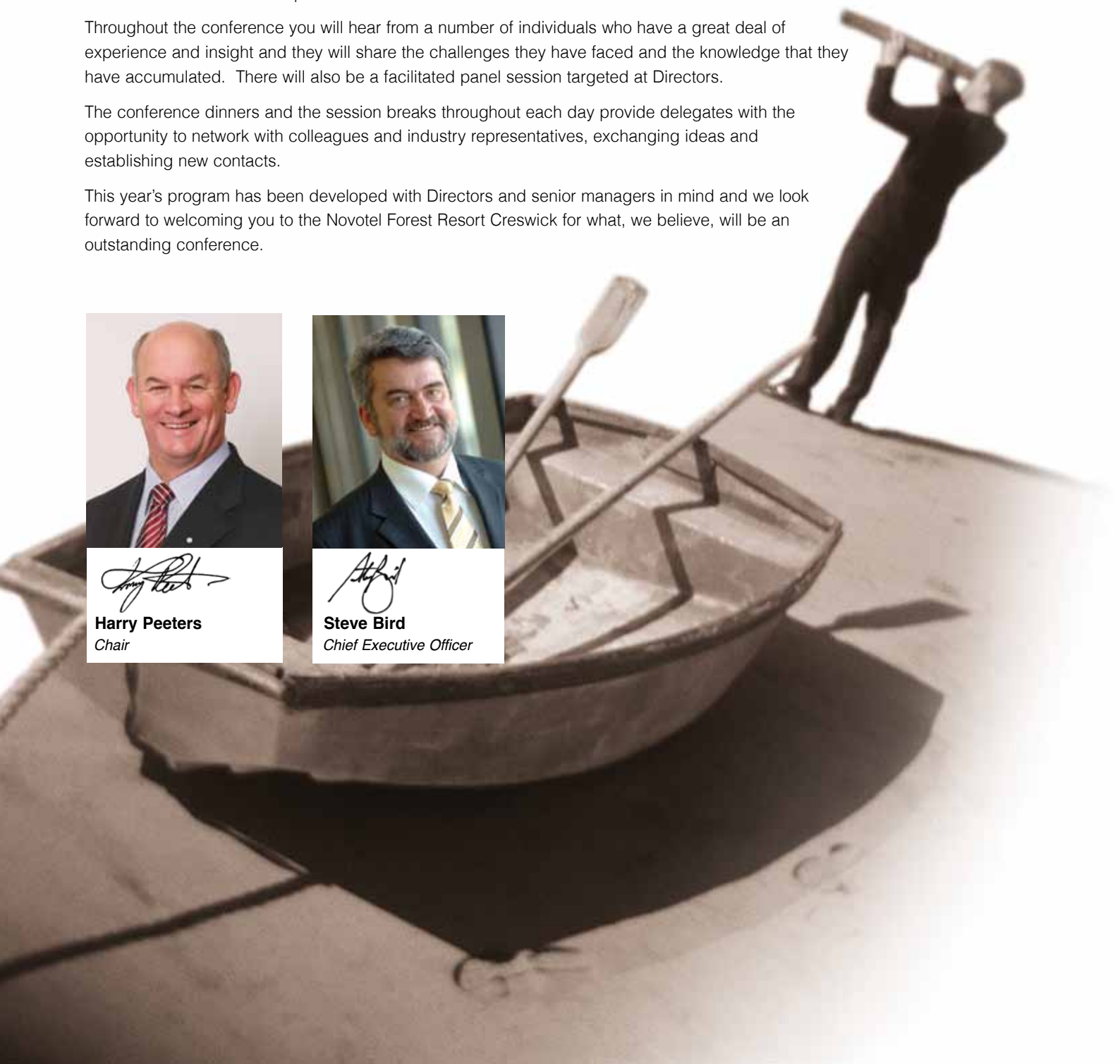
This year's program has been developed with Directors and senior managers in mind and we look forward to welcoming you to the Novotel Forest Resort Creswick for what, we believe, will be an outstanding conference.



Harry Peeters
Chair



Steve Bird
Chief Executive Officer



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Pre-Conference Welcome
Wednesday, 7 September 2011

7.00pm Pre Dinner Drinks: *Springs Room*
7.30pm Informal Welcome Dinner: *Harvest 383 Restaurant*

DAY 1: Thursday, 8 September 2011

9.00am Registration

9.30am **Welcome address** Harry Peeters
Chair, VicWater

9.40am **Opening Address** The Hon. Peter Walsh MP
Minister for Water

10.00am Keynote Address Professor Stewart Burn
Liveable Cities – The research needs towards adoption
Leader for the “Urban Water Systems Engineering” program, CSIRO Land and Water

11.00am Morning Tea: *Trade Display Area*

11.30am **Economic regulation of the water sector** Ron Ben-David
How can we know the dancer from the dance? *Chair, Essential Services Commission*

12:15pm **Panel Session** Directors “What keeps you awake at night?”
Facilitated by John Harte

Panel: Doug Shirrefs, Joanne Anderson
Llew Vale, Gail Morley

1.00pm Lunch: *Harvest 383 Restaurant* Sponsored by: 

2.00pm **Challenges and Opportunities for the Victorian Water Holder** Denis Flett
Chairperson, Victorian Environmental Water Holder

2.30pm **Valuing Floods** Dr Paul Sinclair
Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager, Australian Conservation Foundation

3.00pm **Chair, City West Water and IWN Steering Committee** Alan Seale
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3.30pm Afternoon Tea: *Trade Display Area*

4.00pm VicWater Annual General Meeting

VicWater Council Delegates are asked to attend the VicWater Annual General Meeting.
All other delegates are invited to observe.

7.00pm Pre Dinner Drinks

7.30pm **Annual Conference Dinner** (Dress Smart Casual) Sponsored by: 

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DAY 2: Friday, 9 September 2011

9.00am **Regulatory Compliance**

Kate Vinot
Principal, The Nous Group

Marcos Anastassiou
Director, Western Water

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Ryan McGowan
*Operations IT Co-ordinator,
Goulburn Valley Water*

10.00am **Innovation – The Next Wave
and Delivering Value**

Christine Cussen
CEO, SmartWater Fund

10.30am Morning Tea: *Trade Display Area*

11.00am **The Long and the Short of it
Restoring Life to the Wimmera River**

Paul Fennell
Catchment Analysis Team Leader, Wimmera CMA

11.30am **Water Governance traps
and the need for innovative opportunity**

Jim Keary
General Manager, Hunter Water Australia

12.20pm **Conference Close**

Harry Peeters
Chair, VicWater

12:30pm Lunch: *Harvest 383 Restaurant*

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GUEST SPEAKERS



The Hon. Peter Walsh MP

Peter Walsh is Victoria's Minister for Water and Minister for Agriculture and Food Security.

He is local to the Swan Hill Electorate. He was born and raised at Boort in Northern Victoria, attending Fernihurst Primary School and Boort Secondary College.

Before entering Parliament in November, 2002, Peter operated an irrigated horticulture and cropping enterprise, producing tomatoes, cereals, oilseeds and legumes. He was re-elected to Parliament in November, 2006 and November, 2010.

Peter was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003 for services to the environment.



Professor Stewart Burn

Professor Stewart Burn is currently the Leader for the "Urban Water Systems Engineering" program, at CSIRO Land and Water, where he has been employed for the last 33 years. His work includes fundamental research on advanced water and wastewater treatment to improve the energy efficiency and allow the recovery of resources, as well as the development of asset management, planning, prioritisation and risk assessment systems for water infrastructure

His group is also developing new concepts in the areas of integrated urban water management and planning, water sensitive urban design, water reuse, systems transition and participatory management. He also has a strategic interest in integrated waste management and eco-industrial concepts.



Jim Keary

Jim has worked in the water industry for 37 years with a variety of experience throughout Australia and internationally. He has run Hunter Water Australia Pty Ltd, a specialist water and wastewater operations and technical consulting company, for the past 13 years based at its head office in Newcastle. Jim has been involved in varied aspects of water reform over the past 30 years in different states and brings a unique perspective to commenting on the real progress that has been made in different states.



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