

Industry Association Comparison - Overview

| | VicWater | IWN Intelligent Water Networks | IWA Institute of Water Administration | AWA Australian Water Association | WIOA Water Industry Operators Association of Australia | WSAA Water Services Association of Australia | IWA International Water Association |
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| COVERAGE: | Victoria | Victoria | Victoria | State/National | National | National (Urban) | International |
| EMPHASIS: | Peak Body Advocacy Policy | Collaboration Leadership development | Networking Collaboration Learning | Advocacy Prof development | Facilitating the collection, development and exchange of information | Peak Body National advocacy & collaboration | Networking Research Prof development |
| MEMBERS: | Water corporations | Victorian water corporations VicWater DELWP | Water Utilities Corporates Individuals | Private sector Utilities Individuals | Private Sector Utilities Individuals | Major urban water utilities | Primarily Individual |
| NOTES: | Addresses strategic issues common across the sector | Business improvement | Management orientation | Technical orientation | Focus on operations | Deals with Fed Govt, NWC, Productivity Commission etc. | Closelinks AWA European centric |



Industry Association Comparison - Detail

VicWater

Type: An incorporated not-for-profit under the Victorian Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Vision: To lead an innovative Victorian water industry that manages water resources sustainably and creates partnerships that focus on the needs of the community, stakeholders and the environment.

Mission: To be the leading advocate for Victorian water businesses in their interaction with government, it's agencies and the community.

Stand: VicWater will assist its members achieve extraordinary performance while helping to influence the future of the Victorian water industry.

Objectives:

- To be a focal point for members and government in dealing with key water industry policy issues.
- To be a forum for members to discuss and to decide a collective approach to issues, practices and policy development.
- To foster good working relationships and effective communication with Commonwealth, State and Local Governments, their agencies and other influential organisations.
- To facilitate the delivery of projects that improves the performance of the Victorian Water Sector.

Target audience:

Water Corporation; Chairs, Boards, Directors, Managing Directors & Executives

Membership base

19 Victorian Water Corporations, 2 x Associates – Goulburn Broken CMA & VEWH

Income: \$1.8m (\$0.8m from members fees, 0.6m events, 0.35m subscriptions)

Operating Expenditure: \$1.77m



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Intelligent Water Networks (IWN)

Type: A virtual organisation established under an agreement between the participating water corporations, DELWP and VicWater.

Governance: An Executive Group which is made up of 9 water corporation representatives, 1 DELWP and 1 VicWater representative. VicWater is the IWN funds holder. There is an IWN charter that is reviewed annually by water corporation MDs. There is a full-time IWN Program Director (employed through VicWater), who is supported by an Assistant Program Director (employed by DELWP).

Vision: That the Victorian Water Industry's shared opportunities will be delivered through collaboration and leadership.

Core Purpose:

The IWN investigates new technologies and innovations to meet common challenges such as population growth, ageing infrastructure and climate variability in a more efficient manner.

Membership base

- 18 Victorian water corporations
- VicWater
- DELWP

Income: \$900,000 (18 x \$50,000) – plus occasional Government contributions.

Operating Expenditure: Project based and generally aligns with the revenue unless there are specific co-investment projects established. Typically this is a reimbursement of project costs to the host water corporation.

Intelligent Water Networks is a program of VicWater. Administrative services to the IWN are provided by VicWater.

Institute of Water Administration (IWA)

Type: An incorporated not-for-profit under the Victorian Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Vision: To be recognised by the water industry in Victoria as the key forum for sharing information, networking and learning for executive management and business professionals.

Core Purpose:

- IWA exists to provide a forum for sharing information, networking and professional development in the Victorian water industry.
- IWA specifically targets its offerings to executive management and professionals managing business related functions within Victorian Water Corporations.
- IWA's platform for delivering services includes:
 - Regular conferences addressing strategic and contemporary issues of interest to its target audience;
 - Special Interest Groups which focus on a range of business functions within water corporations;
 - Social networking opportunities to promote fellowship and collaboration through Conference Dinners; and
 - Distinguished Service and Professional Development Awards.

Membership base

- 27 Corporate Members – Water Corporations, state government and private sector.
- 128 Individual Members

Income: \$223k (\$81k in members fees)

Operating Expenditure: \$241k (\$223k in meeting and event costs)

The IWA has an MoU with VicWater to share services, ensure activities are complimentary and to co fund an events delivery resource.

Australian Water Association (AWA)

Type: Incorporated under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Vision: To be the essential water association for people and organisations working together to create a sustainable water future.

Mission: To foster knowledge, understanding and advancement, in sustainable water management, its science, practice and policy – through advocacy, collaboration and professional development.

Core Principles:

- Information - digital platforms and publications
- Networking - events and programs to connect Australian and international business
- Recognition - industry awards, brand exposure and contributions to the industry

Membership base

- 14 Principal Corporate Members – majority private sector. 6 levels of Corporate Member.
- 5136 individual and corporate members.

Annual Revenue: \$7.7m (\$1.5 members fees, \$5m from advertising, grants, events and sponsorship)

Operating Expenditure: \$7.5m

Collaborates with VicWater in awards, calendars, information sharing and other ad-hoc activities.

Water Industry Operators Association (WIOA)

Type: Incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and limited by guarantee.

Vision: To be the leading industry association promoting excellence in water industry operations.

Mission: To develop and support people in water industry operations.

Membership base

- 2229 Individual members
- 66 Utility members
- 435 Corporate members
- 1301 Associate Corporate members

Annual Revenue: \$1.8m (\$1.5m conferences and events)

Operating Expenditure: \$1.6m (\$0.7m events)

VicWater and WIOA collaborate on Operator Training competencies with Health and coordinate events. We are currently discussing a MoU to capture the way we work together.

Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) Also represents International Water Association

Type: Incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and limited by guarantee.

Purpose: The industry body that supports the Australian Urban Water Industry.

Outcomes:

- The most efficient trusted and valued service providers in Australia
- A compelling voice in national policy making
- A valued partner in urban and land use planning to enrich communities
- Stewardship of the urban water cycle

Membership base

- 31 Corporate Members (large water corporations)
- 34 Associate Members (smaller corporates and private sector)

Annual Revenue: \$9.7m (\$4.28m members fees, \$4.49m subscription projects)

Operating Expenditure: \$9.53m

WSAA has an MoU with VicWater where we share information and collaborate on specific projects.