

**Come up against any institutional barriers lately?
A workshop to explore the institutional dynamics of
Perth's urban water sector.**

Monday 25th June, 2012
10:00am – 12:30pm, followed by lunch.
Canning River Eco Education Centre, Wilson.

This workshop is looking to shed light on how the institutional setting of Perth's urban water sector is creating barriers and opportunities to transition to a more water sensitive Perth.

By placing your own experiences working in urban water within Perth's institutional dynamics (identified as part of a PhD research project), this workshop hopes to provide you with two key insights:

- To make some of the institutional influences on your day-to-day practices more explicit and better inform the choices and decisions you make, and
- To identify where these dynamics might be utilised to remove institutional barriers, and how this could be achieved.

If you work in urban water management in Perth, in either water services or waterway health areas, and would be interested in generating better knowledge about the institutional dynamics which shape the space you work in, for more information or to RSVP please contact:

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Places are limited, so please rsvp by Friday 15th June, 2012.

This workshop builds on the preliminary research findings of a PhD project conducted at the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities and supported by the Department of Water. The research uses Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide as case studies to explore how formal rules (legislation, regulation etc.) and informal understandings (norms, beliefs, problem frames) are interacting to shape the drought (and flood) response of the urban water sector in each of these cities. This piece of social research is looking for clues on how institutional adaptation occurs, and where it might be possible to build and support this capacity in the governance of urban water. By taking an actor-orientated perspective, the research aims to help practitioners better understand the institutional dynamics they are working within to support more informed individual decision-making, help facilitate better collaboration, and determine the processes and pathways needed to transition to more sustainable urban water management.