

**MEMORANDUM  
OF  
UNDERSTANDING**



**WATER NEW ZEALAND**

**AND**

**PACIFIC WATER AND WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION**



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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Water New Zealand and the Pacific Water and Waste Association (PWWA) seek, through this memorandum, to establish a strong partnership between our organisations.

Water New Zealand and PWWA are independent not-for-profit associations of water professionals and organizations in their respective regions with similar values and aspirations. Both associations wish to cooperate in delivering additional to their membership and sharing ideas and information.

We intend to advance our common interests by:

- Working to identify ways to better serve our members through encouraging and promoting communication between our organisations and through collaborative education and qualification efforts;
- Promoting the advancement of water or wastewater systems operation and management to improve the quality of service to customers, protect the environment, and optimise the sustained use of plant assets in our respective countries
- Disseminate information relating to water and wastewater issues and sharing knowledge, information and understanding.
- Undertake projects in areas of common need or interest;
- Seeking opportunities for marketing each other's associations to our respective members;
- Fostering public recognition of the role and achievements of water professionals.

Further, it is understood that this partnering agreement is conceived as a living document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant.

The parties will monitor and review the implementation of this agreement from time to time and may hold formal partnering sessions or workshops to assist in this task. Amendments or additions as are necessary and desirable may be considered at any time

This agreement comes into effect upon signing by both parties. The agreement will remain in effect for a period of three years or until such time either or both parties decide to end the agreement, which may be done at any time with 60 day written notice to the other party. If the agreement is ended, any ongoing joint activities may continue to their natural conclusion. It is also agreed that this partnering agreement will be instituted for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing and will be reviewed by both associations on a regular basis.

Specific undertakings attached to this MoU:

1. Establish and maintain a link between each Organisation's respective websites
2. Include key association events on electronic newsletter distribution lists;
3. Collaborate on agency funding proposals to support New Zealand expertise to build capacity in the Pacific;

4. Promote and assist with coordinating members for New Zealand and Pacific activities partnerships e.g. twinning, training etc;
5. A complimentary standard registration (1) for a Water New Zealand conference or PWWA annual conference. Travel costs and arrangements are separate and are NOT included as part of the complimentary registration. The registrant may be an officer or manager of the Association or they may be selected by each Association to suit their own qualification requirements. If the selected participant falls into the latter category, a timely joint association report would be produced by the attendee (and approved by the conference host) and distributed to members;
6. Opportunity to actively participate in a conference or conferences (subject to conference requirements) such as delivery of a paper/presentation, chairing, coordination assistance etc;
7. Seek and coordinate member assistance in situations of natural disaster or water borne disease management.
8. Share knowledge on administrative and governance processes of each association where these support and enhance the capacity of each association to better serve its members.
9. Publish benchmarking metrics common to both agencies on a common platform.

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