

MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN PRESENTATION



The [Murray-Darling Basin Plan](#) is undoubtedly one of the most keenly anticipated water policy documents of our generation. Prepared by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) in response to the [Water Act 2007](#), the Basin Plan seeks to provide a strategic basis for the integrated and sustainable management of water resources in the Murray–Darling Basin.

The MDBA has identified that the Basin Plan will “*provide a framework for setting environmentally sustainable limits on the amount of surface water and groundwater that can be taken from the Basin. These limits will be set based on the best available scientific knowledge and socio-economic analysis and cultural information*”. With a Guide to the Basin Plan released on 8 October, 2010, numerous community and industry stakeholders are eager to evaluate how the Basin Plan may influence agricultural production, environmental health and the social fabric in Australia’s largest watershed.

The EA Sydney Water Engineering Panel is excited to announce that [**Mr Rob Freeman, CEO MDBA**](#), will present an overview of the Basin Plan at a specially convened EA Seminar to be held at the University of New South Wales on 23rd November, 2010. Following the presentation, discussion of the Basin Plan will be led by a Panel of experts and stakeholders from diverse range of backgrounds including [**Dr John Williams**](#), Commissioner, NSW Natural Resources Commission; [**Prof. Richard Kingsford**](#), Environmental Scientist, UNSW; [**Mr Andrew Gregson**](#), Chief Executive Officer, NSW Irrigators; and [**Mr Charles Armstrong**](#), President, NSW Farmers’ Association.

Please join us for what we anticipate will be an informative and lively discussion of Australia’s most topical water subject. Note that while attendance at the Seminar is free, seating is limited so it is essential that you RSVP to ensure your attendance. In order to ensure a *wide ranging and balanced discussion, questions from the floor will be pre-selected and moderated by the EA Sydney Water Engineering Panel*.

Date: **Tuesday November 23rd 2010**
Time: Refreshments from 5:30 pm for 6:00pm
Venue: Mathews Theatre , University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus ([Map](#))

Limited Seating! RSVP by clicking [here](#).

Pre-register a question click [here](#).

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Attendance can be credited towards IEAust Continuing Professional Development requirements