



Urban water and the case for national action

What do we want to achieve?

Urban water

\$24 billion in revenue

\$5 billion in cap ex

Employs over 30,000

30 x the size of rural water

Provides wider health benefits

Urban water outcomes

Customer value



Affordability



Long term supply



City shaping



What are the national challenges?

Water security gaps:

- No consistent definition and measurement for water security nationally
- Not able to discuss all options with community

Hard to embed liveability outcomes and integrated water management

Committing to financial resilience to support high investment needs

Other national challenges:

- Regional capacity and capability
- Indigenous and remote services
- Research and innovation

How can national action help?

Remove roadblocks to ensure better outcomes for customers

Providing collective agreement and focus on key priorities

Depoliticising sensitive issues when all jurisdictions agree to pursue action collectively

Creating a long-term focus to overcome short term barriers

Creating accountability and transparency for agreed outcomes

Providing incentives as a catalyst for reform that would not occur in individual jurisdictions

Implementing a national agenda

An urban water national initiative:

- a national water security framework
- recognise role of water in liveability and principles for integrated water management

A new reform incentives framework

A new national reporting regime

A new national agency or mechanism to oversee commitments and an incentives framework