

## Prospectus for SME Associate Membership

Creating sustainable, liveable and resilient water sensitive cities in Australia is a big and exciting challenge and one that will require collaboration between industries and governments. To help facilitate this collaboration, the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (CRCWSC) is now inviting small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to join the CRCWSC and participate in research adoption activities through a special SME Associate membership category.

### What is a water sensitive city?

A water sensitive city:

- is a **water supply catchment** – it has access to a variety of different water sources, including from its stormwater and sewerage systems, that are supplied at range of different scales (from large centralised treatment plants for drinking water to localised treatment and storage facilities that provide stormwater for non-potable uses)
- provides **ecosystem services** to the built and natural environments (such as maintaining or improving air and water quality in the city), which in turn support the wellbeing of people
- is comprised of **water sensitive communities**, meaning that there is socio-political capital for sustainability and water sensitivity.

### What is the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities?

The CRCWSC is an Australian research centre that brings together interdisciplinary research expertise and thought-leadership to revolutionise urban water management in Australia and overseas. Our vision is sustainable, resilient and liveable water sensitive cities. To deliver this we:

- **research** and develop world-class science, technology, innovation, and design
- **synthesise**, in collaboration with our industry partners, knowledge across disciplines
- **influence**, lead, empower, and join in partnership with stakeholders across all sectors.

In collaboration with over 70 research, industry and government partner organisations located across the globe, the CRCWSC is delivering the socio-technical urban water management solutions, education and training programs, and industry engagement required to transition towns and cities to being water sensitive.

### What are the benefits of membership as an SME Associate?

The CRCWSC is focused on ensuring industry adoption of its research outputs. Joining as an SME Associate gives you a unique opportunity to:

- Be positioned at the forefront of knowledge and thought-leadership in water sensitive urban design and the creation of water sensitive cities.
- Become part of a national and international community of practice or network of National, State and local governments, water utilities and authorities, private industry, and research institutes that are already committed to achieving water sensitive city outcomes.
- Provide your staff with unique capacity building and training opportunities.
- Work with industry stakeholders to achieve on-ground change and turn knowledge into practice.

The benefits of joining the CRCWSC as an SME Associate include access to activities usually reserved for participants, including the annual Industry Partner Workshops, the new Water Sensitive Cities Conference, research synthesis activities, CRCWSC stakeholder and industry engagement events, access to the participants' section of the CRCWSC's intranet, quarterly reports from the CRCWSC and participation by invitation in consulting activities involving the CRCWSC as appropriate.

*Please note that SME Associates are not participants of the CRCWSC or members of the CRCWSC company, and do not invest in the research activities of the CRCWSC. Therefore, SME Associates are not entitled to participate in collaborative research, nor to be involved in program/project development and governance (unless invited to do so), nor to have direct CRCWSC support in translating research findings and recommendations outside of Industry Partners Workshops, and other forums and conferences.*

### **What is the cost of membership?**

Membership fees are based on the number of full time equivalent (FTE) employees employed by the SME. Subscriptions will be renewed annually, and there are no exit requirements. Membership fees are set out below – all amounts are quoted in Australian dollars:

<b>SMEs with 10 FTE or fewer employees</b>	<b>\$2,500 per annum plus GST</b>
<b>SMEs with greater than 11 and up to 50 FTE employees</b>	<b>\$5,000 per annum plus GST</b>
<b>SMEs with greater than 51 and up to 100 FTE employees</b>	<b>\$10,000 per annum plus GST</b>
<b>SMEs with greater than 101 and up to 150 FTE employees</b>	<b>\$15,000 per annum plus GST</b>
<b>SMEs with greater than 151 and up to 200 FTE employees</b>	<b>\$20,000 per annum plus GST</b>

To apply to be a CRCWSC SME Associate please fill out the agreement form available at:

<https://watersensitivecities.org.au/about-the-crcwsc/how-to-join/>