

QUARTERLY PROJECT REPORT

Project Number:	IRP1	Project Title:	WSC Transition Strategies and Implementation Plans
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Report for Quarter ending:	Q3 FY16/17 January-March 2017		

1. Progress executive summary

Key developments & overall summary of project status (~250 words)

The project team is working with local steering committees to finalise the scope of activity in each case study. A brief summary of each case study is as follows:

Perth: the second implementation workshop was held on the 21st/22nd February. Day 1 focused on developing a business case for water sensitive projects and was led by Jamie Ewert and Sayed Iftekhar. Day 2 was a working session with the local working group (steering committee) to work with the developed tools and methods for prioritising actions as part of the transition strategy and implementation plan. The broader WA transition network will be reengaged for the third implementation workshop, which has been delayed to June to allow for further collaboration between the Perth working group and the CRC team in prioritising actions and setting targets.

Adelaide: Workshop dates have been set for the process (WKS 1 8th May, WKS 2 29th May, WKS 3 29th June). Participant interviews and desktop review are underway to inform the pre-workshop system analysis.

Bendigo: The CRC team travelled to Bendigo and presented the IRP1 process to Coliban Water and City of Greater Bendigo, it was met with enthusiasm. Coliban Water has since signed up as a CRC partner and some of their membership contribution will be directed specifically towards community engagement in IRP1. The process will be designed to effectively incorporate community perspectives and to also align with the DELWP regional integrated water management forums.

Sydney: The local steering committee in Sydney has begun engaging with stakeholders and developing an initial list of participants. They are having discussions with the Greater Sydney Commission to gain endorsement of the process so that it receives sufficient profile and attention to have impact.

Townsville: Workshop dates have been set for the process (WKS 1 & 2 15th/16th May, WKS 3 6th June) the system analysis is being prepared by Fiona Chandler (Alluvium), and the participant list is being finalised. A briefing session with Townsville City Council directors and senior executives is planned for 20 April prior to the workshops to familiarise them with the CRC and IRP1 objectives in Townsville.

Key findings for quarter (~150 words)

The Transition Dynamics Framework (developed in A4.1) provides critical insight for understanding the enabling factors that should be established as a priority to drive transition progress, given the current conditions. Further work is needed to make the tool accessible and user-friendly for application by industry audiences.

It is important to plan the positioning and framing of the visioning and transition planning process within a local context carefully. This is to ensure successful recruitment of participants and to establish a platform for broad and impactful exposure of the outcomes.

Research translation and utilisation activities (~150 words)

(Summarise the application of research outputs by end-users in research case studies, trials, pilot studies, etc)

The City of Gold Coast engaged the CRC on a fee-for-service basis to deliver a benchmarking workshop using the WSC Index. This was successfully conducted on 9 December, after which they expanded our engagement to deliver a full-scale visioning and transition planning process to inform the development of the Gold Coast Water Strategy.

Cape Town, South Africa, has expressed a desire for a benchmark, vision and transition strategy for Cape Town as a water sensitive city. A proposal was put together for these activities on a fee-for-service basis.

Key communication and stakeholder engagement activities (~100 words)



(Note that details must be reported in Section 3)









Regular communication with local project steering committees to plan the delivery of case study processes. National project steering committee teleconference on the 3rd of March.




24 industry stakeholders attended Day 1 of the second implementation workshop in Perth, held on the 21st February focusing on developing a business case for water sensitive projects. The local Perth working group (6 people) participated in Day 2 on the 22nd February to work with the developed tools and methods for prioritising actions as part of the transition strategy and implementation plan

Key Issues or Risks Anticipated	Risk Management Activities
Strong interest and expectations of other CRCWSC projects in outputs that could be potentially derived from this project mean there is a risk that the scope becomes stretched beyond its resource capacity.	The project scope and outcomes have been clearly defined, while accommodating the potential synergies of the other CRCWSC projects.
In order to run full envisioning processes in different regions as part of IRP1, additional funding and in-kind contributions will need to be secured from industry partners in the region	The importance of this process will need to be clearly communicated to each region's RAP and industry partners in order for them to want to be involved and contribute funding
Concerns about funding may lead partners to want to contribute more in-kind capacity, leading to the main project outcomes to be produced by industry partners	Researchers will need to be cautions of maintaining the research aspect of the project, rather than service delivery
Perth, Adelaide, Sydney, Townsville, and Gold Coast all want deliverables by 30 June 2016. This will put an increased workload on the project team especially with travel	Project team has distributed responsibilities depending on case study and individual skills/interests.

2. Milestones and deliverables

Milestones and deliverables description	PA milestone due date; also add Annual Workplan due date if revised	Status update and list any actual outputs	Management response <i>How are delivery delays or issues being managed?</i>	% Complete	Status*
<i>from Project Agreement, Annual Workplan, and/or C'wealth milestone (include number)</i>		<i>Enter publications into Section 3. Provide detail and justification for issues with delivery & budget</i>			
Detailed transition strategy for Perth (WA)	30 Sep 2016	It was decided with the local steering committee that the transition strategy and implementation plan should be developed together at the end of the process to deliver the most value using the developed research tools and methods	Draft complete, will work with WA regional manager to finalise. Working to a due date of 30 June 2017, but it is important that the WA transition network have sufficient input so some extension of this date may be required.	75	
Implementation plan for Perth (WA)	30 June 2017	Implementation workshops underway	As above, re input of WA transition network.	50	

Outline transition strategy for Sydney (NSW)	31 Dec 2017			0	
Outline transition strategy for Adelaide (SA)	31 Dec 2017			10	
Outline transition strategy for SEQ (QLD)	30 June 2018	New case study location of Townsville		10	
Detailed transition strategy for Bendigo (VIC)	30 June 2018			0	
Guidance manual for enhanced envisioning process methodology (A4.2 deliverable)	30 June 2018			50	
Technical report on comparative analysis of case study results	30 June 2018			0	
Technical report on building community support	30 June 2018			0	
Overall Project status					

- *  - on-track to meet milestone as per agreed timeframe and budget ;
-  - unlikely or not on-track to achieve milestone by agreed timeframe and budget;
-  - will not achieve milestone within agreed timeframe and/or budget