

Ensuring a water sensitive future

As an interdisciplinary research centre, the **Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities** has brought together world renowned subject matter experts and industry thought leaders who want to *revolutionise urban water management*.



We have made significant progress

Working with our 80+ partners, we have made significant progress towards achieving our mission to:

- Research **interdisciplinary responses** to water problems
- Synthesise diverse research outputs into practical solutions
- Influence **policy, regulation, and practice** to promote adoption and results on the ground.



Our achievements to date include

Research


6...
WATER SENSITIVE CITIES
TRANSITION STRATEGIES


1K+
RESEARCH OUTPUTS
INC. **230** PEER REVIEWED
JOURNAL ARTICLES


NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
AWARDS FOR RESEARCH
EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

 **3**
NATIONAL CRCWSC
CONFERENCES WITH OVER
800 ATTENDEES

Synthesise

25 
APPLICATIONS OF THE
WSC INDEX TO BENCHMARK
CURRENT WATER SENSITIVE
CITY STATUS

 **15**
IDEAS FOR
SYNTHESIS PROJECTS


USEFUL TOOLS AND
PRODUCTS TESTED VIA
12 CASE
STUDIES

Influence

 **50+**
POSITION PAPERS,
GIVING EXPERT ADVICE ON POLICY

5
REGIONAL ADVISORY PANELS
AND A NATIONAL CAPACITY
BUILDING NETWORK

 **50+**
CASE STUDIES AND GUIDELINES


INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION
SUPPORTING WSC INVESTMENT
IN MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTRIES

But there is more to do

Our current term expires on 30 June 2021. We will have much to celebrate by then, but we know that there will be more to do to:

- ensure Australia remains a global leader in urban water collaboration, research and application
- build on progress made relating to the institutions, regulations, technical tools and industry networks necessary to scale up and lock in water sensitive practices
- continue to challenge the status quo and support city transitions with science-based advocacy.

Our first two tranches of research and adoption activities were built on genuine engagement—understanding our partners' and industry needs and priorities. Engagement is just as important as we look ahead to a potential third wave of research and adoption (T3).

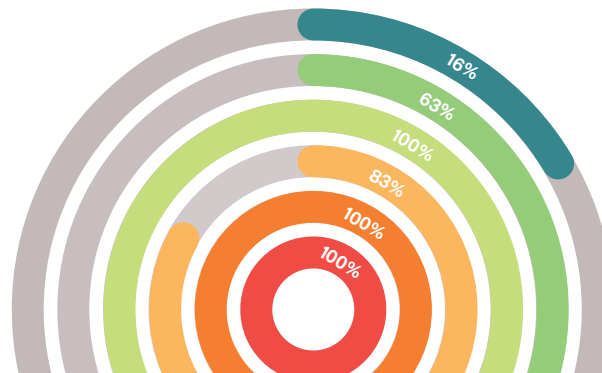
More about our work so far in **Western Australia**

Vision and Transition Strategy for a Water Sensitive Greater Perth — identifies strategies to realise Perth's aspiration of becoming a water sensitive city. The highlight has been the establishment of a broad and strategic community of practice called the Perth Transition Network. This group shares the goal of Perth to become Australia's most water sensitive city within five years. It achieves this through: influencing policy and governance; more effective community engagement and communications; coordination of technical capacity building and partnerships; and addressing cross-sector research priorities.



Canning City Centre Plan — embeds Water Sensitive Cities thinking and principles. A CRCWSC-led design charrette workshop was fundamental to embedding Water Sensitive Cities principles into the Canning City Centre Structure Plan and City Vision for a 'Riverine City'. The city has allocated \$76M to see this vision become reality. And after undertaking the WSC Index, the city has been working to embed Water Sensitive Cities thinking and project across its organisation and city as a whole, via an internal cross-departmental working group, policies and projects that support this transition to a water sensitive city.

Benchmarking using the WSC Index for local governments — has provided a benchmark for 8+ local governments in and around Perth for key water sensitive indicators. This has provided a starting point for conversations within councils with many going on to developing a vision, strategic plan, and actions on the ground. The WA Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation identified the value of the framework in helping them support their Water Wise Councils Program.



We would love to **hear your views**

Over the next 9 months, we will be seeking your views on the issues that will shape our future cities, the action needed to respond to those issues and how Integrated Urban Water Management can contribute.

You can have your say by:

- Joining us at our T3 workshop on 5-6 December in Melbourne
- Contacting us directly via our dedicated T3@crcwsc.com.au email
- Talking to your Regional Manager or contributing to Regional Advisory Panel discussions
- Joining us in Brisbane for our 4th Water Sensitive Cities Conference, 26-28 March 2019.



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