

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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In November 2003 John Langford was appointed a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne, and Director of the newly created Melbourne Water Research Centre. From 1994 to 2003 Professor Langford was inaugural Executive Director of the Water Services Association of Australia, the peak body of the Australian urban water industry. He was Managing Director of the Rural Water Corporation, Victoria's state wide irrigation and rural water authority, from 1989 to 1994.

John is Chairman of the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre. He also chairs the Advisory Board of the Special Research Centre at Sydney University on the Environmental Impact of Coastal Cities.

John's career in the water industry spans three decades of commitment and enthusiasm. Its impetus springs from a deep affection for the natural environment and a desire to achieve sustainable use of it. He has extensive experience in water resource and catchment management, urban and irrigation water supply and in managing research.

As Executive Director of the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA), John built WSAA from its conception into a highly effective industry association with 28 members servicing 14.5 million people in Australia and New Zealand. Prof Langford has worked for Melbourne Water, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources of Victoria and the Rural Water Corporation. He has served on the Boards of Goulburn Murray Water, the Murray-Darling Basin Commission, the Land Conservation Council, the Australian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage, the Water Research Foundation, the Environment Council.

He is a Churchill Fellow, a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. In October 1999 John was awarded the Peter Hughes Water Award by the Australian Water & Wastewater Association in recognition of his world class contribution to water affairs. He was the Munro Orator for 2000, and in 2003 was awarded a Centenary Medal by the Australian Government for his contribution to environmental science and technology. Prof Langford was awarded an Order of Australia in the 2005 Queens Birthday Honours.