

NSW Heads of Water 2022



Kaia Hodge – Chief Strategy Officer, Department of Planning and Environment

Kaia Hodge has worked in the water industry for most of her career. She is currently the Acting Chief Strategy Officer for DPE Water. Kaia has previously held senior roles in urban and regional water management, strategy and planning, and environmental regulation, across Sydney Water, the NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator, and the NSW Water Renewals Taskforce. Since joining DPE Water in 2019, Kaia has led development of the NSW Water Strategy and Regional Water Strategies across NSW, and the delivery of major NSW water reforms. Her current remit also includes metropolitan water strategy, Murray Darling Basin Plan, working with First Nations people co-creating a new Aboriginal Water Strategy, and continuing to build the department's capability in climate risk.



Nathan Moran – Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council

Nathan is a proud Biripi Thungutti Goori who has worked in both government and non-government with and for Aboriginal communities of NSW for over 25 years. Previously working with NSW AECG, NSW Department Education, Birpai LALC, NSW Aboriginal Land Council, TAFE NSW and Aboriginal Housing Office NSW. He has served as Director or Board member on a number of organisations including Mid North Coast Regional Aboriginal Land Council, Association Resource Cooperative Housing (NSW) and more. Nathan is passionate about 1st Nations Lore, Culture & Heritage, Arts, History Politics and Sport, and is committed to achieving equity in human rights for Australia's 1st Nations on par with or better than other 1st Nations people in former comparable British colonies such as NZ, Canada, South Africa or USA.



Dr Michael Storey – Managing Director, Isle Utilities

Michael is the Managing Director of Isle Utilities, Asia-Pacific. Isle is a global consultancy that creates new value through the identification and implementation of leading-edge practices in technology, innovation, and management. Michael has extensive experience in research and development, technology, and innovation in the water sector, and prior to joining Isle held senior roles at Sydney Water and CSIRO. Michael is a Fellow of the International Water Association and University Lecturer, and in his presentation at Heads of Water Forum, will talk to the role that technology, research and innovation can play in the delivery of the NSW Water Strategy.