

As a global community of practice, we are learning fast about how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting organisations providing water supply, sanitation and sewerage services. Australian utilities are now developing business continuity and contingency plans in response to COVID-19 that are in line with State and Territory Government advice. This is to ensure they remain well prepared to continue delivering essential services and can continue to engage suppliers and contractors who are undertaking critical tasks across their network. Utilities are also working closely with their customers to ensure they remain connected to their water supplies during this period.

This Ozwater'20 Online session focuses on sharing experiences from several Australian water utilities on their preparation, response and recovery approaches ensuring the continuity of this essential service and the health and safety of water and wastewater utility workers. It also presents ground-breaking research from Water Research Australia on their ColoSSoS Project - an innovative, and collaborative Australia-wide investigation that aims to integrate reliable results of sewage testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus with health data for COVID-19.

AGENDA		LEAD SPEAKER
11:00am-11:10am	Welcome from Australian Water Association: Overview of COVID-19 Response and Support for Utilities from Vietnam, Indonesia and Cambodia	Carmel Krogh OAM - President, Australian Water Association
11:10am-11:20am	Overview of AWP's Response to COVID-19	Rory Hunter - Australian Water Partnership
PLANNING FOR COVID-19		
11:20am-11:35am	Overview of Water Corporation's Enterprise-Wide Business Continuity Plan	Water Corporation
PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO COVID-19		
11:35am-11:50am	Overcoming Public Health, Water and Wastewater Quality Issues Resulting from COVID-19	Coliban Water
11:50am-12:05pm	Application of Flexible Leadership and Continuity Management during COVID-19	Riverina Water
RECOVERING FROM COVID-19		
12:05pm-12:05pm	Communicating with Customers and Contractors: The Journey Ahead	Yarra Valley Water
SURVEILLANCE OF COVID-19		
12:20pm-12:30pm	Water Research Australia's the ColoSSoS Project: Understanding the Impacts of COVID-19 and the Associated Virus (SARS-CoV-2) on our Wastewater Systems	Dr Dan Deere - ColoSSoS Project Manager
12:30pm-12:55pm	Facilitated live Q&A with all Speakers and Panellists	Dr Dan Deere
12:55pm	Concluding Remarks and Wider Opportunities to Get Involved	Dr Dan Deere - ColoSSoS Project Manager Paul Smith - International Manager, Australian Water Association