

Integrated Urban Water Management and Accounting Task Group

The South East Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy is now in its second stage. Strategy task groups are examining a range of water issues in the SEQ region. A draft SEQ Regional Water Supply Strategy will be considered by the State Government in late 2006.

One of the six task groups is the IUWM and Accounting Task Group. Work being undertaken by this task group is critical to securing a sustainable water future for the region.

Its key role is to work with strategy partners on issues including:

- **Reducing** the average residential potable water consumption from the current level of 300 litres per person per day, to 270 litres per person per day in 2010, and 230 litres per person per day by 2020;
- **Mandating** baseline restrictions on watering of gardens and lawns;
- **Incorporating** water sensitive design into all new developments, including rainwater tanks, water recycling and better management of stormwater;
- **Introducing** incentives for retrofitting of rainwater tanks, water recycling and water-efficient appliances in existing development;
- **Developing** water recycling targets;
- **Developing** a better water accounting monitoring & reporting framework for the region.
- **Creating** common and agreed water conservation measures along with their means of implementation; and
- **Improving** the efficiency of water distribution networks through better management of system leakage and pressure