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## Respecting regional catchments one conversation at a time – the future of water

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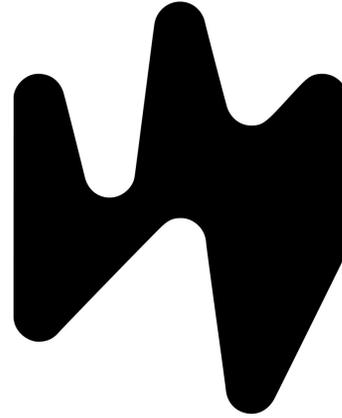


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## The future of water

Water management needs to be done differently to be effective:

- Catchment-centric
- Collaborative - inclusive of community, industry, governance, nature and culture
- Future focussed
- Engage leaders to share the benefits of responsible water stewardship within a changing climate



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## Water stewardship – a water secure world for all

Provides the methodology, framework and tools to:

- Support economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits
- Successful track record
- ISO and ISEAL compliant
- Applicable to any catchment
- Flexible, adaptive and responsive to climate change

Water Stewardship Asia Pacific is a NFP member based organisation promoting and supporting the uptake of water stewardship across the region.



## How does it work?

- Robust risk management approach
- Climate change context
- A collaborative, collective learning process leads to identification of catchment indicators (volume, quality, biodiversity, cultural values, carbon sink) and shared values/challenges
- Changes the way organisations think and operate
- Requires a strong and committed team
- Identifies and focuses on the important issues
- Real maintainable benefits for all stakeholders



## Real results

- Improved water security and climate adaptation
- Reduced nutrient and sediment loads
- Ecosystem restoration
- Increase in biodiversity
- On-going collaborative stakeholder relationships
- Catalyst for working in other catchments and sectors

