



Water Research Access Portal

Looking for research that can help with urban water management?
Want it to be reputable? And easy to find? The answer is WRAP.

www.waterportal.com.au

What is WRAP?

In Australia, substantial investment has been made in urban water research. However accessing this growing bank of information and knowledge remains a challenge as it is spread across many websites, organisations and libraries.

The Water Research Access Portal (WRAP) at www.waterportal.com.au is an online database of reputable Australian urban water research. The key aim of WRAP is to make this research readily accessible to the water industry. It does this primarily via a search functionality built on themes of national importance. WRAP also has the ability to store research, ensuring there is no loss of knowledge from the sector.

WRAP is:

- **Reputable:** only credible content from respected organisations.
- **Encompassing:** all the main sources of urban water research in Australia.
- **Convenient:** single gateway to resources.
- **Selective and targeted:** more relevant and targeted search results than Google.
- **Searchable:** by keywords and themes

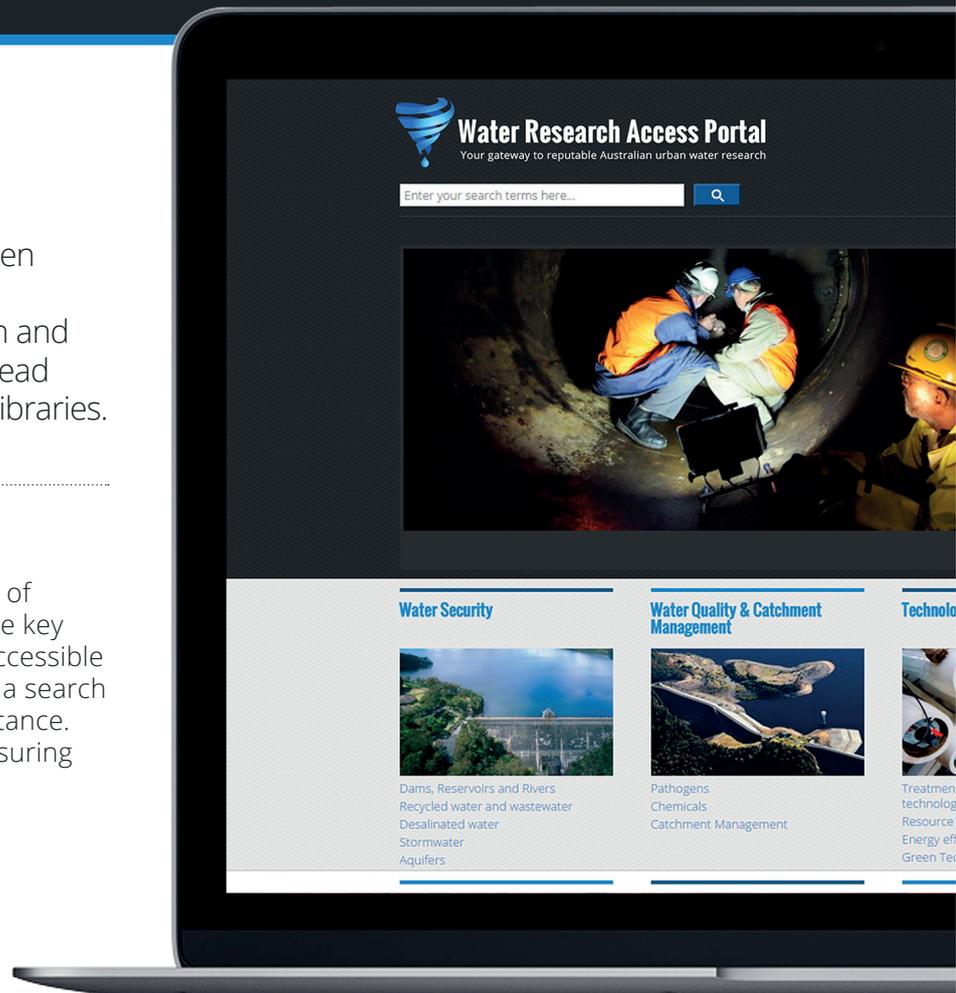




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Who is WRAP?

WRAP is a collaborative effort by a number of Australian research centres, government agencies, and industry. WRAP is managed by the Water Services Association of Australia.



What will I find on WRAP?

On WRAP, you will find a rich database of urban water research from reputable organisations, including:

- **Primary research:** reports, publications, frameworks, etc.
- **Learnings from research:** grey literature such as case studies, conference papers, communication pieces, news articles, project evaluations, policy analysis etc.
- **Tools of the trade** – links to access methodologies, models, data.

What's in it for me?

There are a number of benefits to users of WRAP:

- **Save time:** WRAP is easy to use and we've verified the resources are reputable already!
- **Avoid duplication:** Discover what other research has been undertaken before embarking on your own.
- **Connect:** Find out who is a leader in research for a particular theme to inform collaborative efforts.
- **Learn:** Browse our themes of national significance and understand key issues facing the urban water sector.

"Water Research Australia puts a lot of effort into producing useful research publications, and we are keen to maximise access to the findings. When we heard about the development of a new web portal just for high quality Australian water research we were keen to be involved. The best feature, for me, is that it provides easy access to publicly available information - and allows users to home in on just the research organisations they choose. If there is a quicker way to check if work has been done before in an area of interest I have yet to find it. It's a great outcome for the water industry."



- Gareth Roeszler, Program Manager of Research, Water Research Australia.