

### **Communiqué for WELSAG's 6th meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2013**

The WELS Advisory Group (the Group) held its sixth meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2013 in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

The Group was advised on a number of changes to the WELS Scheme including the new Determination which came into place on 22 January. The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2013 which is before Parliament was discussed, and members were provided a summary of the changes to the recently amended WELS Regulations.

Updates were given on WELS Program matters including registrations, compliance and standards work. Discussion was held regarding the new WELS database, the amendment and revision of the WELS standard AZ/NZS 6400:2005 and 3 star showers. The Group provided feedback on WELS compliance and options for improving compliance across all parts of the supply chain.

It was agreed that the focus of their work for the coming year will involve providing both business as usual and high level policy advice, including out of session comment on the standard revision project. They will provide WELS with industry contacts to broaden the reach of WELS communication and involve key stakeholders in upcoming projects.