



How we are moving.....

THE AUSTRALIAN WATER QUALITY CENTRE IS MOVING TO ADELAIDE CBD

The fit out of Level 1 laboratories completed in May 2008



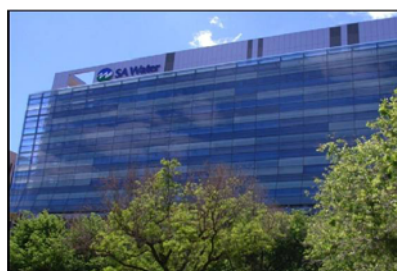
The Relocation of AWQC from Bolivar to its new Victoria Square Facilities

The relocation of the laboratories was identified as a major challenge very early on in the SA Water Accommodation Project. Consequently, a significant amount of planning has gone into ensuring a smooth and seamless transition from the Bolivar site to the new laboratories in Victoria Square. Maintaining the continuity, quality and efficiency of our services has been of paramount importance.

Given the critical nature of our services in the assurance of water quality to the state and other national water utilities, the AWQC's services had to be maintained in the lead up, during and post the relocation. To achieve this SA Water engaged Toll Transitions to work closely with AWQC on the logistical planning of the laboratory relocation process.

This extensive lab planning started in July 2007 and covered;

- handling/transport of dangerous chemicals and sensitive biological samples and cultures;
- maintaining throughput of samples during the relocation period; procurement,
- installation and commissioning of new equipment to enable the move;
- clean and cull of surplus records, stock and equipment prior to the move;
- maintenance of NATA accreditation, ISO9001 certification and other licensing requirements;
- sequencing and detailed planning for each laboratory;
- change management activities and management of staff leave;
- virtualisation of the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) ;
- development of specialised laboratory induction modules
- working with facilities management team to ensure laboratory facilities and services were fully operational.



Exterior view from Victoria Square

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To minimise disruption to services, the move will take place in a staged manner over a nine week period commencing 16 February and running through to 9 April 2009. This is often a peak activity period for the AWQC, with additional analysis associated with algal blooms. During this time many of the complex chemistry areas of the lab will be moved in a phased approach to allow for sophisticated scientific instrumentation to be setup and running in the new lab prior to the shut down of backup instrumentation at Bolivar. Specialist instrument providers have been engaged to assist us through this process.

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Detailed Move plans have been developed for each individual laboratory area outlining the required relocation activities, timeframes and responsibilities. Contingencies have been established to cover water quality incidents and major influxes of analytical work. The move plan has been modularised to allow for it to be paused in the event of an emergency.

How to contact us

Our telephone 1300 653 366 and fax 1300 883 171 will remain the same and we can still be contacted at awqc@sawater.com.au

Samples will be received at the new site as of 10th March 2009.

Further information including a map for sample delivery is available at www.awqc.com.au.

The dates are current at time of publication, AWQC will advise with future updates if there are changes to moving date

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