





SEQ Design and Construct Code Generic Glossary and Abbreviations

Term	Definition	See Also
Access chamber	Large diameter inspection/maintenance chamber which allows operator access to water/sewer network assets.	Chamber, Manhole
Activated sludge process	A system for treating sewage by growing bacteria and other micro-organisms (biomass) mixed with sewage in a tank (bioreactor). When raw sewage is aerated over a period of time the bacteria form a grainy light brown sludge. Because the sludge is biologically active it is called 'activated sludge'. The biomass is maintained in suspension by aeration and/or mechanical mixing in the bioreactor. The biomass is separated from the liquid non-drinking water in a settling tank (clarifier) or by filtration (see MBR) and fed back to the bioreactor to maintain the treatment process. Excess biomass called Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) is removed (wasted) from the bioreactor to maintain the system in balance.	Bioreactor
Active playing surfaces (APS)	Turf and non-turf surfaces used for sport, schools and child care centres that are required to follow the APS guidelines.	
Actuator	An actuator is a hydraulic, pneumatic or electrical device to allow for automatic operation of the asset to which it is attached (either by local switching or remote switching) - note that solenoid and hydraulic pilot actuators are recognised with their associated valves.	
Advanced water treatment plant	Advanced Water or Purified Non-drinking Water Plant which processes effluent and produces purified non-drinking water.	Purified non- drinking water plant
ADWG	Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2004) published by the National Health and Medical research Council (NHMRC).	•
Aeration	Aeration is the process of introduction of air into water/sewage as part of a broader treatment process. In sewage treatment, aeration is designed to encourage the growth of aerobic biomass and separation of solids from liquids. In water treatment, aeration is designed to remove impurities including those responsible for odour and taste complaints (iron and manganese).	
Aggressive soil	Soil which could have a corrosive or other adverse effect on a pipeline component and which requires special consideration with respect to protective measures.	Contaminated Soil
Alignment of mains	Positioning of mains relative to locations such as property boundaries or the Water Agency's space allocation in the road reserve.	
Allotment	Refer "Lot".	Lot, Service Connection
Allowable Operating Pressure (AOP)	Maximum pressure at which a piping system can sustain in continuous use under given service conditions without pressure surge. For plastics piping systems the value is specified at a temperature of 20 °C.	Rated Pressure
Alternate site	An alternate operating site to be used when an organisation's primary facilities are inaccessible or inoperable.	
Annual demand	Total water demand for a year.	
Aquifer	A geological formation or structure that stores and/or transmits water, such as to wells and springs. Use of the term is usually restricted to those water-bearing formations which are capable of yielding water in sufficient quantity to constitute a usable supply source.	
Asset attractiveness	How a threat source views an asset in terms of the activity they wish to undertake.	
Asset configuration information	Information about an asset that defines its requirements and documents its physical, functional and performance characteristics. Also includes information that is used to test, operate, maintain and dispose of the asset	Configuration management
Audit	A process of checking if existing plans and arrangements have been effectively implemented.	
Australian Height Datum (AHD)	A level datum, uniform throughout Australia, derived from mean sea level observations at 30 tide gauge locations located along the Australian coastline and used as a base reference for "derived" datum levels throughout Australia; replaces "Australian Levelling Survey".	











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Average day demand	Annual demand divided by 365	
Average dry weather flow	This is the combined average daily sanitary flow into a sewer from domestic, commercial and industrial sources.	
Avoided costs	Costs which are unavoidable if nothing is done but may be avoided if action is taken	
Backflow prevention device	A backflow prevention device is a specific type of non return valve to prevent contamination of the upstream fluid by the downstream fluid.	Valve – non return
Balancing storage	The quantity of water required to be stored in a reservoir for equalising or balancing fluctuating demand against constant supply (or vice versa)	Operating Storage
Base-line water consumption	Water consumption in the years prior to introduction of a change	
Belt press	A mechanical device (typically including rollers and belts), used for dewatering sludge.	Sludge Press
Beneficial use	The use of any element or segment of treatment wastes or by-products that contributes to public benefit, welfare, safety, health or aesthetic enjoyment.	
Best practice	The adoption of any business practice initiatives where the economic, social and environmental benefits exceed the cost of the initiative.	
Bioreactor	A bioreactor is a tank in which a mix of activated sludge (micro-organisms) and sewage undergo aerated and un-aerated cycles.	
Biosolids	Stabilised organic solids derived from sewage treatment process sludge which can be beneficially reused	
Biosolids reuse	Reuse involves managing biosolids safely and sustainably to beneficially utilise their nutrient, energy, or other values. This may include biosolids beneficially used for agriculture (e.g. fertiliser), soil conditioning, mine rehabilitation, and other applications recognised as reuse.	
Bore	Includes a drilled borehole, bore sleeve, lining, filter, cap, but excluding pump, pipework from the bore and other associated assets e.g. fence, building, valves etc. A borehole could be used for drinking water abstraction, ground water injection, ground water pumping to reduce water table etc.	Boring
Boring	A method of machine excavation working to create a cylindrical tunnel slightly larger than the pipeline(includes standard boring, micro tunnelling, pipe jacking, directional drilling but excludes pipe cracking).	Bore, Pipe cracking
Boundary	Survey line separating adjoining properties for the purposes of defining ownership/title	
Breaks or leaks	A break or leak is a failure of the water or sewer infrastructure which results in an interruption to the service.	
Building	A building includes floor, walls and roof, together with all doors, windows, attached lighting and plumbing services (e.g. toilets, showers). Internal civil, mechanical and electrical works associated with housed processes are recognised separately.	
Bulk meter	A Bulk Meter is a device used to measure the flow of water for water system management and commercial billing purposes. Domestic meters used for customer billing are not to be included in this definition.	Bulk supply point, Bulk supply sampling point, Offtake
Bulk pipeline	 Closed conduit whose primary purpose: In the case of the potable water network, is to deliver large quantities of raw water (supplied to treatment facilities) and/or potable water (supplied to the distribution system) In the case of the sewerage network, is to transport large volumes of sewage to treatment facilities[.] 	Trunk Main
Bulk supply point	A point of connection between a provider of BULK water services and a distributor/retailer. The term includes connections that are metered and not metered.	Bulk mete Bulk supply sampling point, Offtake
Bulk supply sampling point	Location where water samples are taken for testing to make a water quality assessment at facilities seeking certification.	Bulk meter, Bulk supply point, Offtake
Business Continuity Management Plan (BCMP)	A collection of procedures and information that is developed, compiled and maintained in readiness for use should an event occur, which would otherwise disrupt the organisation or it's through chain.	











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Business impact analysis	including a consideration of the required resources, interdependencies and the nature, impact and likelihood of capability loss over time.	
Business interruption	Any event, whether anticipated or unanticipated that disrupts the organisation's normal course of routine operations.	
Business resilience	A process that takes a holistic or integrated approach to risk management, compliance, security, emergency and crisis management, business continuity and disaster recovery.	
Capability	The ability, experience and knowledge of a threat source to undertake an activity.	
Cathodic protection	Partial or complete protection of a metal from corrosion by making it the cathode, using either galvanic or impressed current. It is usually applied to mitigate external corrosion of electrically continuous welded steel buried pipelines and internal corrosion of welded steel service reservoirs	
Chamber	A chamber allows access to assets other than sewer mains. Chambers (or pits) generally house one or more network devices (e.g. valves, flow meters) providing access to such devices for maintenance work. Note that concrete surrounds and lids over buried valves and hydrants are recognised as part of the valve / hydrant asset. Ref also to manholes (used for access to sewers and tanks). To avoid any confusion, pump station wet wells are recognised as tanks, while pump station dry wells are recognised as chambers.	Access chamber, manhole
Chlorine contact facility	Any facility used for holding chlorinated water until disinfection is complete.	
Chlorine gas system	Facility for storing and dosing chlorine. Includes the chlorine gas shut-off system. Compressor may be local or plant air unit.	
Clarifier	A tank that is used for settling solids from the bioreactor to produce clear non-drinking water and return solids (RAS) back to the bioreactor. May include a flocculation chamber in the centre. In the clarifier tank, slow mixing helps the coagulation process and the heavier lumps of dirt fall to the bottom of the tank. The clear water on the top (supernatant) is piped into the supernatant tank.	
Clear water chamber	Part of a filter structure used for storing filtered water prior to disinfection or other post- dosing. May be known as clear water cells or ponds. Not to be confused with a Treated Water Reservoir.	Treated Water Reservoir
Coating	Additional organic or inorganic material applied to the internal and/or external surface of a pipeline component at a specified film thickness, which is intended to provide long-term protection from corrosion, mechanical damage and/or chemical attack. Such coatings require special surface preparation and application techniques.	Lining
Common trenching	Refer "Shared Trenching".	Shared trenching
Communications coordination	The emergency response function largely involving coordinating Water Grid internal and external communications	
Community service obligations	Activities which would not normally be undertaken by a commercial entity (usually because they are not profitable) and are provided by a commercial entity under an agreement with government.	
Configuration	The interrelated functional and physical characteristics of an asset as defined in technical documents and verified as existing in the asset.	
Configuration baseline	The approved configuration of asset characteristics at a given point in time that provides an engineering point of reference for future activities in the asset life cycle.	
Configuration change management	A configuration management function to manage the control of change to identified configuration items, including documented justification, evaluation of consequences, approval processes, implementation and verification of approved change and revision of technical documentation.	
Configuration control	The result of implementing configuration change management	
Configuration item	An aggregation of equipment, hardware, software, technical documentation or any discrete portion thereof that satisfies an end use function.	
Configuration management	A process that establishes and maintains consistency of an asset's characteristics with its requirements and configuration information throughout the life cycle	











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Configuration status accounting	A function of configuration management that records and reports; configuration item descriptions, configuration item information, and all changes to configuration items both approved and proposed.	
Consequence	Outcome of an event affecting objectives (also 'level of impact' per section 4.34 of the Market Rules).	
Constant Flow System	A water supply system where water is supplied at a constant rate of flow with peak demands being obtained from individual storages at each house	
Consumption band	The water consumed by customers or customer sectors at various volumetric levels (e.g. 1-5ML/a; 5-10 ML/a, 10-20 ML/a and >20 ML/a).	
Consumption data	The meter readings of water consumed by customers or customer sectors; meter readings used for the purpose of billing.	
Contaminated soil	Soil that has been affected by previous land use or by direct or indirect infiltration of chemicals or other substances such that it requires special consideration.	Aggressive Soil
Control	The overall direction of response activities in an incident situation	
Control (emergency management)	The overall direction of response activities in an incident situation.	
Control (risk management)	A measure that is modifying risk.	
Control panel	Panel used to house controls, junction boxes, used to join or access cables / pipes etc. Or switchboards. Often telemetry assets or instrument transmitters will be housed in a cubicle.	Cubicle
Control valve	A valve designed to alter flow and pressure in the pipework on either side of the control valve to achieve the required operational outcomes.	
Conveyor	A mechanical apparatus that transports by belts, cables, or chains.	
Coordination	The bringing together of elements to ensure effective response to emergencies.	
Corrosion	Deterioration of a material and alteration of its properties due to chemical or electrochemical reaction between the material and its environment.	
Crisis	A situation where organisations shift from routine to non-routine operation, requiring management to divert a proportion of their attention, time, energy and resources away from normal operations to managing an event.	
Critical business functions	Vital functions without which an organisation will either not survive or will lose the capability to effectively achieve its critical objectives.	
Critical infrastructure	Those physical facilities, supply chains, information technologies and communication networks, which if destroyed, degraded or rendered unavailable for an extended period, would significantly impact water supply to South East Queensland.	
Critical objectives	Those objectives, as determined by the organisation, which must continue to be achieved.	
Cross connection	Any connection or arrangement, physical or otherwise, between any drinking water supply system either directly or indirectly connected to a water main, and any fixture, storage tank, receptacle, equipment or device through which it may be possible for any non-drinking, used, unclean, polluted or contaminated water, or any other substance, to enter any part of such drinking water system under any conditions (per plumbing and drainage code AS/NZS 3500).	Cross Link
Cross link	Pipework between (joining) separate water supply systems such as drinking water and non-drinking water systems. Cross links comprise off-take branches, pipes, isolating valves and, in some cases, backflow prevention devices.	Cross Connection
Cubicle	A cubicle is a housing type asset typically used to house/contain instrumentation devices such as telemetry assets or instrument transmitters. This is discrete from a control panel which is used to house controls, junction boxes, used to join or access cables / pipes etc or switchboards.	Control Panel
Current risk	The level of risk, taking account of the affect of any controls and/or treatments currently in place.	
Customer meter	Flow meter used to measure usage by an individual customer or group of customers within a retail network.	Flowmeter











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Customer service standards	A document developed by a water service provider to inform customers who do not have contracts with the service provider of the level of service standards.	
Dam	An artificial structure, whether permanent or temporary, built as a barrier to retain or impound a volume of water, including the storage area created by the structure and the embankments or other structures that control the flow of water or are incidental to the main structure.	
Data storage	Data storage devices are IT equipment used to store digital data and can include hard disc drives, backup tape recorders, optical discs etc.	
Dead water	Water that is not useable. For example, water below the outlet level of a reservoir or tank and/or water that has deteriorated due to excessive detention (through poor operational flow, dead ends or other operational means).	
Declared water service	A water service declared by the Minister under Chapter 2A, Part 5a, Division 2 of the Water Act 2000.	
Demand	Volume of water used by customers during a certain time interval from a water supply system. Can be a measure of individual usage or collective use.	
Demand forecasting	Process of anticipating volumes of water required to meet current and projected customers' peak (maximum) hourly, daily and annual requirements.	
De-rating	Refer to "fatigue de-rating".	Fatigue de- rating, temperature de-rating, Operating pressure limit
Desalination	The removal of salt from seawater or brackish water to produce drinking water, using various techniques.	
Desalination plant	A treatment facility which undertakes removal of salts from seawater or other saline sources (e.g. groundwater) by distillation, chemical reactions or use of membranes.	
Design capacity ("nameplate")	The capacity of an asset as intended in the original design of the facility. May differ from the actual capacity of the asset.	
Design period	Period of time a design analysis should cover in order to size system facilities (such as service reservoirs, pumping stations and water filtration plants). It is typically expressed as the number of consecutive days that the daily demand factor exceeds the ratio of supply (or input) capacity to maximum day demand.	
Design Pressures (DP)	 Limiting pressures, both maximum and minimum, that the designer allows for in the design of a pipeline system. These pressures are used to determine: the extent of the proposed development that may be serviced, in terms of elevation (acceptable range of residual pressures) and distance (acceptable minimum residual pressure after head losses) a suitable pipe material to meet expected operating pressures for the duration of the system life, and structural requirements associated with the pipeline pressure 	
Direct tapping	A procedure consisting of drilling and tapping the pipe wall followed by insertion of a tapping valve/maintap. A "wet" tapping is one undertaken while the mains remain online. A "dry" tapping is one undertaken when the mains are offline.	
Disinfection	Inactivation or removal of pathogenic micro-organisms.	
Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF)	A process for incorporating air bubbles to induce separation of solids and impurities form the raw water or sewage stream.	
Distribution main	A water main serving as the principal distributor within the supply area, normally without direct consumer connections.	Trunk Distribution main
Distribution network	A combination (network) of larger diameter water mains necessary to ensure an adequate supply of water to, and within, reticulation networks (systems).	











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Distributor-retailers	Providers of water services to individual customers/groups of customers. Services to the South East Corner are specified in the South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Natural Resources Provisions Act 2009 and service providers include Allconnex Water, Queensland Urban Utilities and Unitywater.	SEQ Service Providers (SEQ-SP)
Diurnal pressure variation	A daily variation in system pressure, at any location, between periods of high and low water usage (normally between day and night).	
Domestic meter	Meter on a residential service connection for the purpose of measuring water consumption and associated billing.	
Drinking water	Water that is suitable for human consumption, food preparation, utensil washing and oral hygiene.	Potable Water, Purified non- drinking water
Dual Service	Refer "Split Service"	Split Service
Dual reticulation	The supply of water from two separate sources, requiring two sets of pipes: one to provide drinking water (for drinking, cooking, bathing and laundry purposes); the other to provide appropriately treated non-drinking water (e.g. raw water or non-drinking water) for purposes such as toilet flushing, garden watering/irrigation and other external uses or industrial applications	
Duplicate main	An additional main, laid parallel to the original main (usually on the other side of the road), to service allotments that cannot be easily serviced from the original main.	Rider Main
Dynamic pressure head	When a pump is operating, vertical distance from a reference point (such as a pump centre line) to the hydraulic grade line.	Static head
Easement	A right held by one party to make use of the land of another for certain purposes.	
Economic analysis	Assesses the overall impact of a project on the local, regional or state economy.	
Economically viable	Evaluation of whether the gains from a project outweigh the costs of a project. Economic evaluation is undertaken from the perspective of the economy as a whole and does not differentiate between winners and losers	
Effluent	Treated or untreated liquid waste flowing from a sewage treatment plant or from agricultural and industrial processes.	
Emergency	A situation or occurrence that happens as a consequence of an incident and demands immediate action. A an 'emergency' is an incident that impacts on water quality, water supply reliability and/or public reassurance, and has an overall severity rating of Level 3, 4 or 5 under the severity classification approach outlined in this Plan.	
Emergency management	The emergency response function largely involving strategic command and external communications.	
Emergency operating instructions	Emergency Operating Instructions issued by the Water Grid Manager.	
Emergency response plan	A plan prepared by the Water Grid Manager or by a Grid Participant in accordance with the Market Rules.	
Energy recovery device	Including micro hydro or similar assets for generation of energy from water management	
Engineered fill	Fill that has been selected, placed and compacted to meet specified performance criteria	
Environmental outcomes or impacts	These include efficient resource use, environmental impacts, and environmental compliance.	
Equivalent Person (EP)	The water supply demand or the quantity and/or quality of sewage discharge for a person resident in a detached house. It is also applied to:	
	 The number of persons who would have a water demand equivalent to the establishment being considered. The number of persons who would contribute the same quantity and/or quality of domestic sewage as the establishment being considered. 	











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External water use / Demand	Water used externally in activities such as garden watering or irrigation, car washing, filling swimming pools.	
Event	An occurrence or change of a particular set of circumstances.	
Exercise	An activity to practise or test plans and arrangements. This can involve a theory based approach such as discussion or desktop exercise, a practical approach such as a deployment exercise, or a combination of both.	
Existing surface level	Undisturbed ground surface, prior to adjustment as part of the development works.	
Exposure	Extent to which an organisation and/or stakeholder is subject to an event.	
Fatigue de-rating	An allowance made, during the design process, for the reduced pressure withstanding capability of products (particularly plastics) as a result of anticipated cyclic loadings within the system.	
Fence	A fence is a freestanding structure designed to restrict or prevent movement across a boundary, which includes posts or stakes joined together by boards, wire, or rails, gates (and automation equipment if automated) and locks.	
Filter	An asset that uses replaceable media or a replaceable cartridge to filter particles from a fluid (e.g. a pressure sand filter or a cartridge filter). Assets recognised as this type will include the filter media.	Filter Media
Filter media	Filter media is any media that is used to remove contaminants from water. It can include sand anthracite, garnet, manganese dioxide, granular activated carbon, dolomite and others depending on the type of application and is. Contaminants are removed through straining and/or absorption depending on the chosen media.	Filter
Financial analysis	Evaluates the financial viability of a project from the perspective of the service provider.	
Financial viability	A project is financially viable if the revenues from the project cover the project costs and earn a commercial return on investment. Financial evaluation is considered from the perspective of the project developer.	
Fire flow demand	Quantity of water required for fire fighting purposes often expressed as a flow rate for a particular time period or from particular locations in the water supply system.	
Fire system	This is an engineered set of components that work together to detect a fire, alert occupants, and extinguish a fire. It may include the fire control panel, smoke detectors, heat detectors, alarms, VESDA fire detection, CO2 fire suppression and dedicated fire pumps and pipework.	
Fitting	A component of a pipeline, other than a pipe, which allows pipeline deviation, change of direction or bore. In addition, valves, flanged-socketed pieces, flanged-spigot pieces, collars and couplings are also defined as fittings	
Flexible joint	A joint that permits limited, defined angular deflection, both during and after installation, and which can accept a slight offset to the centreline	
Flexible pipe	A pipe that relies primarily upon side support to resist vertical loads without excessive deformation. Flexible pipe materials include PVC, GRP, and PE.	
Flowmeter	A flowmeter is a device used for measuring flow through a particular point. A meter may be either a customer meter which is used to measure usage by an individual consumer, a network meter which is used by field operations to measure usage at a particular location on the network or a process meter to measure process flows at treatment plants. (Note measuring flumes are considered to be flowmeters).	Customer Meter
Flushing point	A specially designed flushing assembly, hydrant or scour.	Scour
footpath	A formed pavement for pedestrians, especially one at the side of a road in the footway.	Footway, verge
footway	A strip of land between the front boundary of a lot and the kerb or carriageway. It can include a footpath and is also known as nature strip (where it is not paved) or verge in some regions of Australia.	Carriageway, verge
Frequency	A specially designed flushing assembly, hydrant or scour.	
Generator set	An asset comprising a primary drive source (e.g. a diesel engine) and an alternator to	











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Gravity system	 A system wherein flow and/or pressure are caused by the force of gravity. There are two kinds of such systems: Pressurised gravity system, where the pipeline operates full, and Non-pressurised gravity system, where the pipeline operates partially full[.] 	
Greenhouse gas emissions	Emissions of gasses defined by the national pollution inventory as a greenhouse gas including "carbon dioxide (CO2), carbon dioxide equivalent (indirect), Methane(CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), hydroflurocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbonbs (PFCs), and sulphur hexafluoride (SF6)".	
Grid Customer	A Customer of the Water Grid Manager as defined in Schedule 4 of the Water Act 2000.	
Grid Instructions	Instructions prepared by the Water Grid Manager and given to the Water Grid and Distribution Service Providers in accordance with the Market Rules.	
Grid Participant	An entity that is referred to in section 2.3 of the Market Rules.	
Grid Participant risk	A risk, the consequence of which is wholly contained within that Grid Participant in which the risk arises.	
Grid Service Provider	Has the meaning given in Schedule 4 of the Water Act 2000 and includes a Bulk Supplier, Bulk Transporter and/or Manufactured Water Provider.	
Hazard	A source of potential harm.	
Head, H	Pressure expressed in terms of the height of a column of water (in metres head). The head is a factor of 9.81 (nominally 10) lower than the equivalent value in kPa, e.g. 800 kPa @ 80 m head	
Hold point	A point beyond which an activity may not proceed without the approval of a designated organisation or authority	
Hurdle rate	The rate of return which is required to be demonstrated to be able to be met before a capital investment project should be commenced; i.e. It is the level of profitability which the proposed project is required to exceed (or "hurdled") to be accepted for development.	
Hydrant	A water hydrant is a special type of controllable fitting placed on trunk and reticulation mains for providing water for emergency use. There are two subtypes available – hydrant (spring) and offtake. The asset by definition includes its cover box.	
Hydraulic Grade Line (HGL)	A line (hydraulic profile) indicating the piezometric level of flow at all points along a conduit, open channel or stream. In pipes under pressure, each point on the hydraulic profile is an elevation expressed as the sum of the height associated with the pipe elevation and the pipe pressure (head).	
Hydraulics	The science that deals with the laws governing water or other liquids in motion and their applications in engineering.	
Hydrology	The science dealing with water on the land, or under the earth's surface, its properties, laws, geographical distribution, etc.	
Incident	Any occurrence within or caused by the Water Grid that has resulted in, or has the potential to result in adverse consequences to water supply, water quality, people, the environment, property, reputation or a combination of these and classified against a gradient from 1 to 5. Ongoing conditions that have the potential to result in adverse consequences and non-compliance with legal and regulatory requirements are also considered to be incidents.	
Incident management	The emergency response function largely involving managing the physical incident on- site.	
Infrastructure leakage index	The Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) is the ratio of the Current Annual Real Losses (CARL) to the Unavoidable Annual Real Losses (UARL).	
Influent	Liquid waste flowing into a treatment facility.	
Internal rate of return	The discount rate at which a project has a net present value of zero.	
Internal water use / demand	Water used internally in buildings and would also encompass any other water consumption that is not influenced by climate. This demand is assumed to remain unchanged by seasonal effects during the year.	
Inherent robustness	The degree to which the composition, design, location or function of a particular facility or asset would hinder the level of harm that could affect quality, supply, or both, depending on the threat being considered.	











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Intake structure	The facility which draws raw water into the water treatment plant. It may include multiple intakes and screens.	
Interagency Operations Team	An expert reference panel assembled by the Water Grid Manager or the Emergency Operations Team when required to provide technical, operational and risk assessment advice and recommendations on any aspect of managing a given emergency.	
Joint	A connection between the ends of two pipeline components including the means of sealing.	
Key Risk	A risk to the operation of the Water Grid and the achievement of Market Outcomes, including the meaning given in section 4.34 of the Market Rules.	
K-value	Colebrook-White roughness coefficient ; a measure of the interior roughness of a pipe.	
Lake	 A natural water body including: a lagoon, swamp or other natural collection of water, whether permanent or intermittent the bed and banks and any other element confining or containing the water[.] 	Dam, Weir
Layout of main	Nominal route of a main, generally shown in terms of specific roads, reserves and/or easements.	
Least cost planning	Least Cost Planning or Integrated Resource Planning aims to identify an appropriate balance between system operation/capacity expansion costs and the savings associated with programs aimed at increasing the efficiency of water use.	
Lifecycle assessment(LCA)	An environmental assessment of the overall mass balance of an option, from the production of raw materials to the ultimate disposal of all wastes.	
Level of risk	The magnitude of a risk or combination of risks, expressed in terms of the combination of consequences and their likelihood.	
Lightning protection system	An asset comprising lightning rods, conductors, ground electrodes to protect a structure from damage due to lightning strikes.	
Likelihood	The chance of something happening.	
Lining	Additional organic or inorganic material applied to the internal surface of a pipeline component at a specified thickness, which is intended to provide long-term protection from corrosion, mechanical damage and/or chemical attack. Such linings require special surface preparation and application techniques.	Coasting
Local planning authority	Local municipal council or local government body or appeals board authorised to administer or arbitrate government town planning legislation.	
Lot	A property for which a separate title may be held or issued, and which will be serviced by the water reticulation system.	Allotment, service connections
Major water users	Businesses that use more than 10 ML/a.	
Manhole	 An opening with a cover which allows access to sewer mains. These include: A standard manhole is an opening in a sewer allowing access by operators or equipment. It may also be called an access hole or maintenance hole. End manholes occur at the beginning of sewer line having only an outlet main and no inlet (other than a customer service). End manholes generally have no access lid but do have the ability to be modified should the sewer line be extended. Flume pits are the access points to flumes, which measure sewerage flow at that location; and Discharge manhole which is a manhole which receives the flow from a rising main. 	
Market outcomes	 Note – a manhole may have more than one of the above characteristics. Adapted from section 3.2 of the Market Rules ensure the efficient use of the Water Grid; facilitate water sharing across the SEQ Region and improvements in regional coordination of water supplies leading to greater water supply security for the SEQ Region; assist in achieving the desired levels of service objectives provided for in the 	











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	 Regional Water Security Program and the System Operating Plan; and ensure the costs of the Water Grid are shared amongst water users in the SEQ Region[.] 	
Market Rules	The Market Rules SEQ Water Market govern operational and commercial aspects of the South East Queensland Water Market, as they apply to all entities participating in the Water Market.	
Maximum acceptable outage	The maximum period of time that an organisation can tolerate the disruption of a critical business function before its ability to achieve its objectives is adversely affected.	
Maximum day demand	Refer "Peak day demand"	Peak Day demand
Maximum design pressure	Maximum operating pressure of the system or of the pressure zone as fixed by the Designer, considering future developments, all other foreseeable operating conditions and including an allowance for surge	
Maximum hour demand	Maximum demand which a system or part of a system is required to supply in any one hour of the year (also called peak hour demand). It is often expressed as a daily rate	Peak Hour Demand
Mean day, maximum month	The highest 30 day moving average daily water demand during a year.	
Minimum design pressure	 Lower limiting pressure that the Designer allows for in the design of a pipeline system. This pressure is selected to ensure: Acceptable minimum residual pressure for the types of development; and Acceptable range of residual pressures (between operating pressure limits) In the selection of pipe material, transient pressures below the minimum design pressure should be taken into account. 	
Minimum static head	The minimum required pressure (head), at zero flow, within a supply zone, being the difference between the maximum hydraulic gradient of the supply source (reservoir FSL, maximum operating HGL of a pump or maximum setting of a PRV) and the highest development/property to be supplied from that source.	
Moderate water users	Businesses that use between 1ML/a and 10 ML/a.	Major Water Users
Net present value	The discounted value of the expected benefits of a project, less the discounted value of the expected costs.	
Network analysis	A process of analysing a water supply system by using a computer software network modelling package. Also known as dynamic system analysis.	
Network meter	Flow meter for measuring water usage at a particular location in the network.	Flowmeter
Nominal diameter (DN)	A designation of size of a pipe or components of a pipeline system. It is indirectly related to the physical size, in millimetres, of the bore or outside diameter of the end connections.	Pipe Barrel/Pipe Bore
Non-revenue water	Components include real and apparent water losses and unbilled authorised consumption. Refer to IWA "best practice" standard approach to water balance calculations.	
Non-drinking water	Water that has been reclaimed from sewage and treated to a standard (as defined by the Regulator) for reuse.	Reclaimed Water
Non-drinking water treatment plant	Any processes required in addition to sewage treatment requirements to bring the sewage quality to a level appropriate for recycling to meet the customer needs. If the level required for recycling is equal or less stringent than that required for discharge, i.e. no additional treatment is required; this is not included as a non-drinking water treatment plant. A non-drinking water treatment plant takes sewage exclusively for recycling. In the event the treatment plant has a dual purpose (used both as a sewage treatment plant and as a non-drinking water treatment plant) then predominant use (>50 per cent) should be used to classify the plant to avoid confusion.	
Odour control	An asset used to remove odours from gases emanating from the sewer network. (Recognised separately and additionally to vents). Examples include activated carbon, odour scrubbers, biological odour control etc.	











Term	Definition	See Also
Offset	A distance specifying the location of the centreline of a pipeline, generally measured perpendicular from a title boundary.	
Offtake	An Offtake is the point of delivery from a Water Supply Scheme to an individual customer (or group of customers), being a pipe or channel through which water is taken from a stream, channel, bore or storage. An offtake may be a metered offtake or an unmetered offtake. This is distinctly different to a bulk supply point.	Bulk meter, Bulk supply point, Bulk supply sampling point
Operating pressure (OP)	 Internal pressure that occurs at a particular time and at a particular point in a water supply system. For gravity systems, maximum operating pressure is the full supply level of the reservoir, less the lowest ground level applicable to the pipeline, plus surge. For pumped systems, maximum operating pressure is the greater of: The surge HGL less the ground level, or The maximum pump suction HGL plus the no discharge head of the pump, less the lowest ground level Minimum operating pressure is due to maximum headloss conditions i.e. minimum supply pressure to the zone combined with peak demand in the zone (maximum water velocity through the pipelines). 	
Operating pressure limit	Maximum pressure to which the Water Agency will permit a pipeline of particular material and class to be subjected in service. It typically results in a de-rating of the pipe pressure class e.g. 1.2 Mpa for a Class 16 pipe.	
Operating storage	Amount of storage provided to accommodate diurnal fluctuations in demand and to cater for demands exceeding the maximum available inflow rate.	Balancing storage
Overflow weir gate	Movable barrier designed to control the flow of fluid over a weir (operated by adjusting the gate depth manually - without stop boards - or with an actuator).	
Ozonation	Process of water treatment wherein ozone is used to disinfect and remove iron, manganese and sulphides as part of the production of potable water. Ozonation is also used for disinfection of wastewater.	
Package treatment plant	Typically refers to a "standalone" facility which uses a range of processes to treat sewage from smaller communities or users.	
Peak day demand	Maximum demand in any one day of the year.	Maximum day demand
Peak dry weather flow Peak hour demand	The most likely peak sanitary flow in a sewer during a normal day. It exhibits a regular diurnal pattern with morning and evening peaks. Peak hour demand that a system will be called on to supply.	Maximum
Peak wet weather flow	Includes peak dry weather flow, groundwater infiltration and rainfall dependent infiltration.	Hour demand
Penstock	An asset used to control the flow of fluid in a channel or through a large opening in a tank.	Valve
Per capita consumption	An estimate of the water usage in a community, including residential, industrial and commercial, determined by dividing the total water used by the number of persons using it. It is the average amount of water used by a person within a given period of time and is most commonly expressed in units of litres per capita per day.	
Permanent Water Conservation Measures (PWCM)	Long-term water conservation measures designed to embed the efficient use of water into the everyday lives of the community.	
Pipe	A pipeline component of uniform bore, normally straight in axis, having socket, spigot or flanged ends.	Pipeline
Pipe – bedding and backfill	 All materials used to ensure the integrity of the pipeline in-situ including the following Foundation material – the naturally occurring or replaced material beneath the bedding: Support Layer- Haunch and Side support for the pipeline Overlay – the zone between the side support and either the trench fill or embankment fill Backfill – material used to fill an excavation 	
Pipe barrel/pipe bore	Internal cylindrical part of the pipe with a uniform cross section excluding socket and spigot or flanges where relevant.	Nominal diameter (DN)











Term	Definition	See Also
Pipe cracking	A method of in-situ installation of pipework using the existing conduit as a pilot hole. Pipe cracking typically comprises use of a percussive tool or hydraulic expander to break out an existing pipe with a new pipe being pulled or jacked in behind it.	
Pipeline	The network of enclosed passive assets which convey water from one part of the grid to another. This includes all bulk mains, raw water mains, potable water mains, trunk and large distribution mains.	Pipe
Potable reuse	Treatment of non-drinking water to a very high standard for return to the drinking water supply. Indirect potable reuse would see the non-drinking water returned to a waterway or reservoir upstream of the water treatment plant. Direct potable reuse would involve the direct injection of non-drinking water into the water supply network.	
Potable water	Refer "Drinking water"	Drinking Water
Power factor correction unit	An asset used to correct the power factor of an electric power system (linear loads). Refer also to electrical filters for power factor correction of non linear loads	
Power system	Includes main supply, distribution, diesel backup generators, hydro and solar power generators.	
Pressure creep	 A tendency for pressure, which is normally controlled at a particular upper level, to rise toward a potential maximum pressure when conditions necessary for the control are reduced. Examples of this effect in pipelines are: The pressure increase when flow rates reduce to less than the usual (designed) minimum The pressure increase downstream of a PRV when the flow rate reduces to less than that required for the PRV to operate effectively 	
Pressure Sewerage main	A low pressure network for sewage transportation	
Pressure surge	Refer "Surge".	Pulsation dampner, Surge
Pressure zone	A reticulated supply area connected to a controlled water pressure source (typically a service reservoir or tank), covering a limited area and range of elevations to enable supply within a range of minimum and maximum operating pressures.	
Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)	Programmable logic controller, including all IO modules and integral (PLC rack mounted) protocol converters. If self contained, will include the cabinet, power supply and other cabinet ancillaries.	
Property service	Portion of a property water service from main to meter location.	Service Pipe
Public reassurance	Used in the Risk Management Plan to refer to the confidence of the general public in the quality and security of the water supply, and in the ability of the Water Grid and Grid Participants to deliver their contracted services.	
Pulsation dampener	A device used to reduce pressure surges caused by piston or diaphragm type pumps.	Surge
Pump	An asset that uses an external power source (typically electricity) to drive fluid through a network. Pumps can be recognised as one asset or as a separate pump and motor	
Pumped and gravity system	A system where gravity and pumping are used, either separately or in combination, to provide flow and/or pressure	
Pumped system	A system where flow and/or pressure are provided by means of one or more pumps and where the pipe(s) operate full	
Pumping station	 Includes water (both bulk and distribution) and sewerage: Water pump stations comprise both mechanical and electrical equipment to assist in the movement and taking of water. Sewage pump stations comprise mechanical and electrical equipment to assist in the transportation of sewage 	Sewerage pump station, Water pump station
Purified non-drinking water	Sewage that has been treated to a very high standard.	Drinking Water, Potable Water
Purified non-drinking water plant	Refer "Advanced water treatment plant"	Advanced Water Treatment











Term	Definition	See Also
		plant
Rainfall dependent	Peak (rainfall dependent) inflow and infiltration. This includes flow discharges into the	
inflow/infiltration	sewer from:	
	unauthorised roof, ground or stormwater drainage	
	 leaking manhole covers disconnected sewers 	
	low disconnector traps.	
	 indirect infiltration of rainwater entering defective pipes and joints from the surrounding soil. 	
Rainwater tanks	Tanks used to collect and store rainfall from household roofs for beneficial use	
Rated pressure	Refers to the operating (allowable) internal pressure of a vessel, tank, or piping used to hold or transport.	Allowable Operating Pressure (AOP)
Raw Water	Water that forms the source supply for drinking water before it has been treated	S 2
Raw water distribution chamber	A chamber to split the raw water to multiple clarifiers / basins. May have gates or valves to control the flow.	
Raw water pipeline	A pipeline which draws raw (untreated) water into a treatment plant for the production of potable water.	
Reclaimed water	Sewage that has been recently treated to a standard sufficient to enable it to be recycled for some specific use	Non-drinking water
Recovery point objective	The capability at a pre-event point in time to which systems, operations and capacity must be recovered after an event.	
Recovery time objective	The period of time required to fully re-establish adequate resources to recover a critical activity, process, function or other capability to a required minimum operational level.	
Reduced level (RL)	Elevation of a point or mark related to a nominated datum (metric or imperial). Some water agencies may use the term EL for metric RL's.	
Remote Terminal Unit (RTU)	An electronic hardware device used to collect, process and transmit SCADA data and signals at a site.	
Reserve storage	Amount of storage provided to cater for some continuing supply in the event of a system component failure and depletion of the operating storage.	
Reserve Storage Level (RSL)	Top level of the reserve storage.	
Reservoir	 A structure which provides storage of potable water within the water network. Includes the following assets types: Ground level reservoirs Elevated reservoirs (e.g. water towers) Bulk drinking water storage supplying to transfer and/or distribution mains, and A tank or similar storage supplying to a reticulation zone[.] 	Dam, Weir
Residential Excessive Water Users Compliance Program (Excessive Users Program)	Program focused on households using more than 800 litres per day (for High Level Restrictions), more than 1000 litres per day (for Medium Level Restrictions) and more than 1200 litres per day (for PWCM). Households are alerted to their high volume water use and provided with information and assistance on how to reduce consumption.	
Residual risk	The risk remaining after risk treatment.	
Resilience	Adaptive capacity of an organisation in a complex and changing environment.	
Reticulated water supply	Water supply network that provides a piped water supply to each dwelling, commercial or industrial premises	
Retrofit customers	Businesses required to install water-efficient devices (shower heads, urinals etc).	
Review	A process of comparing existing plans and arrangements with the current environment to ensure these plans and arrangements remain valid and appropriate.	











Term	Definition	See Also
Rider main	An additional main laid parallel to a transfer or distribution main to provide for service	Duplicate
	connections. Typically a rider main is provided alongside a trunk main where the distributor/retailer does not allow direct tapping of connections to the trunk main.	Main
Rigid pipe	A pipe that supports vertical loads primarily by virtue of its inherent resistance to bending or deformation as a ring; when rigid pipes are used, flexible joints must be used to ensure that the pipeline installation is flexible. Pipe types include VC, RC, steel and DI.	
Rising Main	The main which conveys sewer through the network form pump station to discharge manhole	
Risk	The chance of something happening that will have an impact on objectives. It is measured in terms of the consequences of an event and their likelihood. (ISO 31000:2009 'Risk management'.)	
Risk acceptance	Informed decision to take a particular risk.	
Risk action owner	The entity responsible for delivery of a particular action that will manage a particular risk. There may be multiple Risk Action Owners assigned actions to manage a single risk.	
Risk action plan	The detailed plan on how a particular risk is to be managed, including risk treatments, resources, timelines and responsibilities.	
Risk aggregation	The combination of several risks into one risk to develop a more complete understanding of the overall risk.	
Risk analysis	The process to comprehend the nature of risk and to determine the level of risk.	
Risk appetite	Amount and type of risk that an organisation is willing to pursue or retain.	
Risk assessment	The overall process of risk identification, risk analysis and risk evaluation.	
Risk avoidance	An informed decision not to be involved in, or to withdraw from, an activity in order not to be exposed to a particular risk.	
Risk evaluation	The process of comparing the results of risk analysis with risk criteria to determine whether the risk and/or its magnitude are acceptable or tolerable.	
Risk identification	The process of finding, recognising and describing risks.	
Risk management	Coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regard to risk.	
Risk management plan	A scheme within the Risk Management Framework specifying the approach, the management components and resources to be applied to the management of risk.	
Risk management process	The systematic application of management policies, procedures and practices to the activities of communicating, consulting and establishing the context, and identifying, analysing, evaluating, treating, monitoring and reviewing risk.	
Risk owner	Person or entity with the accountability and authority to manage a risk.	
Risk retention	Acceptance of the potential benefit of gain, or burden of loss, from a particular risk.	
Risk sharing	A form of risk treatment involving the agreed distribution of risk with other parties.	
Risk tolerance	An organisations readiness to bear the risk after risk treatment in order to achieve its objectives.	
Risk treatment	Process to modify risk.	
Sampler	A device to automatically retried a process sample based on an external input. The asset may include a refrigerated sample storage facility.	
Scheme	An aggregation of water assets such as pipelines, pump stations, reservoirs, dams etc that operate conjunctively to transport or supply water services.	
Scour	An assembly of valves and fittings installed at low points in the network and used for dewatering a portion of pipeline for operational or maintenance purposes.	Flushing Point
Sedimentation Basin	Any facility designed to allow gravity settling of solid particles from a liquid stream.	
SEQ	South East Queensland.	
SEQ Service	Providers of water services to individual customers/groups of customers. Services to	
Provider (SEQ –SP)	the South East Corner are specified in the South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Natural Resources Provisions Act 2009 and service providers include Allconnex Water, Queensland Urban Utilities and Unitywater.	
SEQWGM	South East Queensland Water Grid Manager	











Term	Definition	See Also
Service connection	The number of metered accounts, minus the total of any sub-meters (after master meters e.g. to shops and flats), plus the estimated number of unmetered service connections (e.g. fire service connections). The number of service connections is not the same as the number of metered accounts or connected properties.	Allotment, Lot
Service pipe	A water pipe that supplies water from the reticulation main to the consumer. The portion of the service pipe under the control of a Water Agency generally terminates at the water meter, or in the case of fire services, the isolating valve of the fire protection system.	
Service water system	May include service water pumps, surge vessels and an elevated service water tank for filter backwashing.	
Service pressure	Internal pressure delivered at the point of connection to a consumer's installation at zero flow in the service pipe. Service pressure does not include surge pressure	
Sewage	The waste matter which passes through sewers.	
Sewage pump station	Sewage pump stations comprise mechanical and electrical equipment to assist in the transportation of sewage.	Pumping station
Sewage treatment plant	A facility for the treatment of effluent to meet environmental licence obligations.	
Sewerage	The sewerage system comprises the pipes, pumps and plan needed to collect, transport and treat sewage	
Sewerage reticulation	Sewage collection and transport network	
Shared trenching	Simultaneous installation of two or more services in one common trench.	Common trenching
Sludge drying bed	Shallow ponds which allow for dewatering (drying) of sludge volumes.	
Sludge hopper	A chamber or container that collects discharged sludge for disposal or beneficial reuse.	
Sludge Lagoon	A natural storage used for settling of sludge.	
Sludge pond	An engineered storage with concrete base/sides or a plastic liner used for settling of sludge.	
Sludge press	Refer "Belt press".	Belt Press
Smart Sewers	Systems designed to modified design criteria which take advantage of modern materials and design and construction approaches to produce a lower cost collection system without any loss in the quality of service to customers.	
Socket	The end of the pipe or pipe fittings with an enlarged internal diameter for the reception of the plain or spigot end of another pipe fitting.	
Specifications	Precise standards of performance for construction work, materials and manufactured products. Specifications make it possible to express expected values when work or items are purchased or contracted for, and they provide means of determining conformance with expectations after purchase or construction.	
Spigot	The plain or specifically formed end of a pipe fitting for insertion in a socket or coupling to form a joint.	
Split service	A service pipe that divides into two services to provide on-property connection points for two properties from a single connection at the water main.	Dual Service
Spray system	A system of sprinklers spraying water onto a bed of limestone gravel.	
Spring line	Projection of the horizontal centreline to the walls of a pipe.	
Stakeholder	Stakeholders include persons or groups who will define, constrain, influence or decide on planning options and all those affected through implementation of the planning recommendations to those using or receiving the resulting services.	











Term	Definition	See Also
	Key stakeholder groups will include customers, business owners, and regulators. For most planning exercises, "environmental representatives", the "community" and the "service provider" will be stakeholders. A "stakeholder" may also be defined as anyone who directly or indirectly receives the benefit, or sustains the costs, resulting from the implementation of a project. Primary stakeholders are those stakeholders that will be closely linked to a particular aspect or phase of the planning or asset lifecycle. These primary stakeholders may change over the planning or asset lifecycle	
Standards	 Dependant on its usage Standards is defined as: Documents that specify the minimum acceptable characteristics of a product or material, a test procedure, an installation method etc., issued by an organisation that develops such documents e.g. Standards Australia. Such standards may or may not be used as (or called) specifications A set numerical limit e.g. a contaminant limit set by a regulatory agency 	
Static head	When water is not moving, vertical distance from a specific point in the water/pipeline to the free water surface.	Dynamic Pressure Head
Stormwater drainage	Includes open drains, road culverts and underground pipe drainage.	
Structure	Refers to structural assets that are not buildings, chambers, manholes, tanks, reservoirs, walkways, roads, ladders, power poles or fences which each have their own asset category. Examples of structures could include bridges, monopoles, lattice towers and guyed poles. (the sewer network recognises piers and concrete stops as structures).	
Supply Chain	The end-to-end value chain (through chain) encompassing the supply, process and distribution chains, including information, knowledge and financial flows.	
Surge	A rapid fluctuation of pressure caused by flow alteration over a short period of time.	Pressure Surge, Pulsation Dampner
Surge pressure	A short-duration pressure increase caused by a sudden movement of water from such causes as a directional change in flow, the starting or stopping of a pump, and opening or closing of a valve or hydrant.	Water Hammer
Switchboard	Can also be referred to as a motor control centre. Some components of switchboards are recognised as separate assets e.g. circuit breakers (and other starters), electrical filters, power factor correction units, plc's, radios and local power distribution.	
System	A combination of elements that together makes up a functioning water supply.	
System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)	An electronic supervisory control and data acquisition system for compiling water system operations data and enabling automatic and remote control/operation of specific facilities.	
System planning	A process of examining the present, recognising trends, making projections and developing plans to ensure water supply systems have the capability to achieve agreed customer, stakeholder and regulator outcomes.	
Tank	Refers to all types of non pressurised tanks, including bins, hoppers, holding tanks, intermediate bulk containers used for the storage of a liquids and solids. Note that water and recycle water storage reservoirs and water towers are recognised as a reservoir asset type. Refer also to buildings, structures, reservoirs, manholes and chambers for additional information, silo's are recognised as a tank asset type. Pump station wet wells are tanks, pump station dry wells are chambers.	
Technical coordination	The emergency response function largely involving coordinating whole-of-Grid operations and support. It will often involve the use of Grid Instructions and Emergency Operating Instructions.	
Telemetry system	Site-to-site communication system via radio, microwave or mobile phone technology. Includes the Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) even if the RTU performs a control function at small sites.	
Temperature de- rating	An allowance made, during the design process, for the reduced performance of products (particularly plastics) as a result of anticipated operating temperatures above 20 °C within the system.	











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Test pressure	Hydrostatic pressure applied to a newly laid pipeline in order to demonstrate its integrity and tightness. This pressure may be greater than the operating pressure limit of a pipeline for a relatively short duration.	
Trade waste	Water borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises other than waste that is a prohibited substance or human waste or stormwater.	
Treated effluent	Aqueous waste flowing from sewage treatment plants or agriculture and industry processes, that has been treated to improve its quality.	
Traverse line	A survey line fixed on the ground consisting of several connected lines of known length which meet at measured angles or bearings, and used for setting out the location of a proposed water main.	
Treated water delivery pump	Used for transferring treated water to an off-site reservoir. Occasionally used for backwashing at small plants.	Treated Water pump
Treated water pump	Used for transferring treated water to an on-site reservoir.	Treated Water Delivery Pump
Treated water reservoir	Any structure used to store large volumes (i.e. >1ML) of <u>potable</u> water. May be underground, on ground, elevated on a tower/support structure, or wineglass with a tapered concrete structure.	Clear Water Chamber
Triple bottom line	An integrated approach to the achievement of environmental, social and economic outcomes.	
Trunk distribution main	Water mains owned by LinkWater which distribute bulk potable water from SEQWater (as the point of supply) to the Distribution Retailers (as the point of delivery of bulk potable water).	
Trunk main	(Pipelines). The network of enclosed passive assets which convey water from one part of the grid to another. This includes ALL bulk mains, raw water mains, potable water mains, trunk and large distribution mains.	Bulk pipeline
Underground services	Underground assets, including those owned by other authorities or companies, e.g. gas, telecommunications and electrical.	
Uninterruptible power supply	An uninterruptible power supply is an electrical apparatus that provides emergency power to a load when the input power source fails. It includes all chargers, batteries, inverters and autotransformers associated with a particular ups.	
Unplanned water supply interruption	Occurs when the customer has NOT received at least 24 hours notification of the interruption (or as otherwise prescribed by regulatory requirements). It also includes situations where the duration of a planned interruption exceeds that which was originally notified. In this circumstance the length of the entire interruption is counted. All un-notified interruptions caused by third parties should be included.	
Useable capacity	Operating storage plus reserve storage (of a service reservoir).	
Vacuum sewerage	A system in which all sewage is conveyed by a vacuum in the sewage collection network.	
Valve	A mechanical device used for stopping or regulating flow and controlling pressure e.g. gate valve, isolating valve, control valve, pressure reducing valve, air valve and hydrant.	
Valve - air (gas)	Air valves encompass air release, vacuum release and combined air / vacuum release. For ease of reference, valves to remove other gasses from pipelines or tanks are also recognised under this asset type.	
Valve - control	Control valves include flow control, pressure control (sustaining or reducing), pressure relief, altitude. They are used to control the flow rate through a flow meter or in a pipe (e.g. pump start / stop control to prevent surges), automatically close the inlet to a storage tank, relieve the pressure in mains, control the pressure in mains to preset limits. The small isolation valves on hydraulic valve control pipework are considered part of the control valve.	
Valve - non return	Also called reflux or check valve. Used to ensure fluid flows in one direction only (note backflow devices are a special type of non return valve that are recognised separately because of their specific maintenance management needs - refer backflow prevention device). Note that some pump control valves include a non return function to prevent surges etc. In this case judgment will be needed whether to consider the valve a valve, a control valve or non return valve.	Backflow prevention device











Term	Definition	See Also
Vent pipe	Vent pipes connect the sewer mains to a vent.	
Vent pole	An outlet to allow potentially dangerous gases to escape from the sewer network. Includes vertical risers and non motorised ventilation equipment. Mechanical fans and odour control assets will be recognised separately.	
verge	Areas between the boundaries of a road reserve and the carriageway. This term is usually applied where there are no formed footways	Footpath, footways
VPM	Volumetric Point Measurement. Each VPM monitors the volume of water measured by the bulk supply meters located within the Water Grid.	
Vulnerability	In a security context, vulnerability is a measure of the likelihood that various types of security/control measures (physical, personnel, policies, etc.) against a threat source will fail. Vulnerability comprises 'resilience' and 'susceptibility'. Resilience is related to existing controls and susceptibility is related to exposure.	
Wastewater	The dirty water or sewage that goes down the drains of homes, offices, shops, factories and other premises discharged into the sewerage system. Also known as sewage.	
Wastewater discharge pipeline	A pipeline that transports treated effluent from the plant to the point of discharge to the environment. This is not for sewage.	
Water Act	The Water Act 2000 (QLD).	
Water Agency	An authority, board, business, corporation, council or local government body with the responsibility for planning or defining planning requirements, for defining and authorising design requirements, for defining and authorising construction requirements and for operating and maintaining or defining operation and maintenance requirements for a water supply and/or sewerage system or systems.	
Water distribution system	Part of the water supply system comprising pipelines, service reservoirs, pumping stations and other assets by which water is distributed to the consumers. It generally begins at the outlet of a water treatment works (or source, if there is no treatment) and includes the reticulation system.	Water supply system
Water grid	The water supply and transport infrastructure that supplies water to South East Queensland. Managed by the Water Grid Manager.	
Water hammer	Any sudden pressure head change in a pipe caused whenever the velocity in the pipe is changed from one steady state condition to another (commonly caused by stopping flow too rapidly). It is often characterised by pipe movement or noise.	Surge Pressure
Water pump station	Water pump stations comprise both mechanical and electrical equipment to assist in the movement and taking of water.	Pumping Station, Sewerage Pumping Station
Water quality	The chemical, physical and biological condition of water.	
Water quality management facility	Water quality facility which incorporates dosing and which may also be referred to as a water quality facility, water quality station or a dosing station.	
Water quality monitoring point	Water quality facility which is only for the purpose of monitoring (either automatic or manual) i.e. no dosing. May also be referred as a water quality station or measuring point.	
Water sensitive urban design	The integration of urban planning with the management, protection and conservation of the urban water cycle that ensures urban water management is sensitive to natural hydrological and ecological processes.	
Water sensitive urban development	An holistic approach to planning, design and construction of water supply, sewerage, rainwater and stormwater systems for urban communities. Underpins sustainable development by improved efficiency in water use through optimised storage, distribution, use, diversion, loss reduction, treatment and recycling.	
Water service	Refer "Service pipe".	Service Pipe
WaterSupplyEmergencyDeclaration	A Water Supply Emergency Declaration made in accordance with section 25B of the Water Act 2000.	











Term	Definition	See Also
Water supply system	Potable water supply to plant buildings, lab etc. Also known as "domestic" water supply. May also provide "service water" in small plants where there is not a separate Service Water System. May include Water Supply Pumps or Surge Vessels.	Water distribution system
Water treatment plant	Any facility that treats raw or partially treated water to a potable standard for delivery to customers. Water treatment plants that provide disinfection and/or fluoridation only should be classified as "Water quality management facilities".	Water quality management facility
WaterHub	Refers to a centralised data processing, information storage and retrieval system that will provide easy access to relevant, consistent, timely and accurate water data across South East Queensland.	
Weir	A structure usually of concrete, across a stream to impound water with any water flowing over the crest.	Dam, Lake
Well field	Well field is a protected tract of land (surface and subsurface) which contains one or more wells for supplying potable water to the public.	
WEMP	Water Efficiency Management Plan.	
Work As Executed	Documentation showing details of work as actually constructed (in contrast to Design Drawings).	
Working pressure	Internal pressure that occurs at a particular time and at a particular point in a water supply system. For gravity systems, maximum operating pressure is the full supply level of the reservoir, less the lowest ground level applicable to the pipeline, plus surge. For pumped systems, maximum operating pressure is the greater of: • The surge HGL less the ground level, or • The maximum pump suction HGL plus the no discharge head of the pump, level the lawest ground level	
	less the lowest ground level Minimum operating pressure is due to maximum headloss conditions i.e. minimum supply pressure to the zone combined with peak demand in the zone (maximum water velocity through the pipelines)	











Abbreviations

ADD	Average Day Demand
ADWF	Average Dry Weather Flow
AWA	Australian Water Association
CR	Character Residential
CSS	Customer Standards of Service
DERM	Department of Environment and Resource Management
DMA	District Metered Area
DOF	Depth of Flow
DSS	Desired Standards of Service
EC	Emerging Communities
EP	Equivalent Persons
ET	Equivalent Tenement
GWI	Ground Water Infiltration
HDR	High Density Residential
HGL	Hydraulic Grade Line
HR	High Residential
LDR	Low Density Residential
LMR	Low Medium Residential
LR	Low Residential
MAJ	Major Users
MD	Max Day
MDMM	Mean Day Maximum Month
MH	Maximum Hour
MNR	Minor Non-Residential
MOL	Minimum Operating Level
MR	Medium Residential
NRW	Non Revenue Water
PD	Peak Day
PDD	Peak Day Demand
PDWF	Peak Dry Weather Flow
PH	Peak Hour
PWWF	Peak Wet Weather Flow
RDF	Rain Dependent Inflow
RU / RUR	Rural
RW	Recycled Water
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
WD	Water Distribution
WSSSCI	Water Supply System Service Capacity Improvement
WSZ	Water Supply Zone