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## WasteWater Education Appoints New Executive Director to Oversee the next Stage of the Organization

The Board of WasteWater Education are pleased to announce the appointment of Steve Morton as the new Executive Director of the organization to drive the next stage of its evolution as an advocate and capacity developer for effective water resource management and decentralized solutions.

[WasteWater Education](https://www.wastewatereducation.org) is a globally recognized 501(3)c not for profit that is committed to raising awareness of the link between effective water resources management, water quality and improved environmental, community and economic outcomes. We do this through advocacy, research and capacity development initiatives, with a particular focus on the localized design, construction, operation and maintenance of decentralized wastewater systems and holistic watershed management.

Steve comes to WasteWater Education with over 28 years of experience in public policy, economics, research and development, program evaluation and community engagement across a range of portfolios in both the private and public sectors. In the water space, Steve has led a range of critical policy reforms in Australia, including in demand and supply planning, water sensitive urban design, stormwater harvesting and re-use, water industry regulation, the interface between water and the mining sector and the alignment of water policy and regulation and stormwater management planning. He also has extensive

He has also facilitated a large number of water policy and knowledge exchange programs between Australia and India, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand, Timore-Leste, Indonesia and China, among others.

Steve replaces Dendra Best, a founder and the Executive Director of WasteWater Education for the last 20 years. but Dendra's experience will not be lost, as she will continue as Chief Financial Officer and as a new Director of Education.

WasteWater Education Board Chair, Ben Kele, said on the appointment that *'Steve brings a wealth of experience and a unique skill set to WasteWater Education and we look forward to him further growing the organization and its impact over the coming years. The Board also recognizes the leadership of Dendra over the previous decades and we are delighted to have her continue her association with the organization. The Board greatly appreciate all that Dendra has done to develop WasteWater Education into the internationally respected organization it is today. Without her drive and leadership, we would not have had the positive impact on the water sector that we have. Indeed in 2024 alone we have seen a 20% increase in [education classes served!](#)*

To find out more about the work of WasteWater Education and our various programs, you can visit our website - [wastewatereducation.org](http://wastewatereducation.org) – or contact us at [info@wastewatereducation.org](mailto:info@wastewatereducation.org). And if you plan on attending the [2025 WWETT Show](#) - Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport Show -the world's largest annual trade show for wastewater and environmental service professionals- check out our 4 days of education sessions or visit us at Booth 1110



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