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# **GLOBALIZATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT: THE CHANGING VALUE OF WATER**

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## **AUSTRALIAN WATER REFORM PROCESS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS LEGAL ISSUES AND EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES**

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**ABSTRACT:** The Australian Water Reform process has been underway for six years and massive changes have been instituted in all aspects of water management wrenching it from the past over 100 years of public sector control. The corporatisation process will be described in each of the 7 Australian jurisdictions and the legal issues arising from the commodification of water discussed. Several key case studies will be presented. Legal issues will arise in the future especially with regard to monopolistic practices in water. These will be discussed with reference to a long legal history of the regulation of corporations in Australia.

**KEY TERMS:** Legal regimes for water, triple bottom line accounting, water regulation

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