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Water is essential for all life forms. It is a fundamental resource necessary for socio-economic development and for ecological sustainability. Good quality water is becoming scarce due to population growth and associated industrial development and pollution particularly in towns and cities. It is timely that the sustainability and management of water resources is widely discussed noting that water can be used for unlimited number of times with proper treatment. A meeting to discuss this important subject was held at Murdoch University on 13 and 14 November 2002, where new and innovative methods of treatment, better understanding and assessment of resources and their supporting ecosystems and proper management for conservation are explored.

This publication presents papers from the above conference that have passed through the refereeing process and thus places on record information and ideas put forward that have been assessed. Australia is an arid continent and there is evidence that rainfall in the south western part of this continent is decreasing in the past two decades. A number of approaches to achieve the dual aim of economic development and ecological sustainability taken in this part of the world were shared at the conference. The range of scientific, technical, management, education and policy covered in the papers is broad. Dr John Zillman, Director of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, representing the UNESCO Australian National Commission, in his closing address remarked at the conclusion of the conference that much progress had been achieved in the management of water resources and that sustainability is now truly in the vocabulary of water management.

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