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## GLOBAL EXPERTS IN BRISBANE TO DEBATE CURRENT WATER CHALLENGES

### In the past 10 days:

- Legislation allowing the Government's takeover of the management of the Murray-Darling Basin was passed by the Senate.
- The only species to have been forced to extinction by human activity in 50 years – the Yangtze River Dolphin - was declared extinct as a result of neglect of the river system, over-fishing and mass shipping.
- Although it's raining, the Queensland Water Commission (QWC) says rain of biblical proportions, 40 days and 40 nights, is needed to fill Queensland dams

### In 10 days time the world's foremost water experts will convene in Brisbane for the 10<sup>th</sup> International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference.

- Experts include: River Dolphin experts from India, Pakistan, Sweden, Australia and China (the experts who declared the Yangtze River Dolphin to be extinct).
- A Senior Economist and Policy Analyst for CSIRO commenting on the Murray Darling.
- An Aquatic-Marine Scientist from the US talking about the Savannah River Project which has lesson for the Murray Darling.
- Australian scientists presenting a new method of classifying waterways to enable us to better manage their future.

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference will take place in Brisbane from Monday 3 to Thursday 6 September 2007 as part of Riverfestival. Approximately 850 people including delegates from Australia and around the globe will discuss pertinent topics such as environmental flows, climate change and drought.

**Media who wish to attend Riversymposium or pursue interviews with local, national and international speakers should register their interest with Sequel Communications.**

Three prestigious awards will be announced at the event:

- National Thiess Riverprize (Partnership between the International Riverfoundation and Riverfestival )
- International Thiess Riverprize (Partnership between the International Riverfoundation and Riverfestival )
- 2007 Riversymposium Young Water Scientist Award (Partnership with GHD and the Water Forum CRCs)

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