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WATER BIG WIGS GATHER IN BRISBANE

A meeting of some of the world's leading water experts will take place during a series of training sessions this Sunday 2 September at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre where all things water and rivers will be on the discussion table.

The Nature Conservancy's Brian Richter, Ramsar Secretariat Nick Davidson and Chief Executive of the Waterfind Environment Fund Dr Mark Siebentritt are among the top experts who will attend the session held prior to the launch of the 10th International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference (Monday 3 - Thursday 6 September).

The session will delve into the intricacies of water trading transactions and environmental flows, providing insight into the future which these experts envision for some of the world's river systems.

Workshop organiser Dr Mark Siebentritt said the training session will serve as a melting pot of ideas that will prompt plenty of discussion during the International Riversymposium which is in partnership with The Nature Conservancy this year.

"This training session will set the scene for what we can expect to experience during the symposium and get people fired up about the issues that matter the most," Dr Siebentritt said.

"One of the issues that will be a major talking point will be water trading which will address whether environmental water trading should be a key ingredient in world's best practice river and watershed management.

"It will also look at new water markets which are emerging and how water rights are developing in line with acquisitions and major water transactions."

The training sessions will be held from 8.30am to 5.30pm on Sunday 2 September at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre in Room P2, on the Plaza Level.

The 10th International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference takes place in Brisbane from Monday 3 to Thursday 6 September 2007 and is part of Riverfestival – a 10-day annual celebration of Brisbane's iconic river, its people, art, culture and environment from 31 August to 9 September, 2007.

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