



**MIKE SMITH**  
**Chair, Water Accounting**  
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Mike is a Civil Engineer and has had 27 years experience in water resources management.

As Chairman of the Water Accounting Standards Board, Mike brings a mixture of operational and strategic policy experience in water resource management to the role.

Mike was the Manager Water Resources based in Berri in the early 1990's dealing with day to day issues of river management, licensing and water trading.

This practical, operational based experience provided a good background for Mike's later contributions to the development of the COAG '94 Water Reforms and then the National Water Initiative. In his role as Director State and National Water Programs within the South Australian Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, Mike's responsibilities include ensuring the national water reforms are implemented in that state.

Mike has chaired a number of national and inter-jurisdictional committees including the National Water Commission's Expert Advisory Panel on Water Accounting and the Murray Darling Basin

Commission's Water Market Reform Working Group (which facilitated the initiation of interstate water trade 1998) and was a member of the inaugural Water Accounting Development Committee.