

# Ozwater'24

## Submission Guide

This guide details how to submit your extended abstract, case study or video pitch for consideration.

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# Theme: Accelerating Action

The 2024 theme *Accelerating Action* is a rally cry to our community addressing the vital role water must play in the climate crisis of our current time. Together, we will ignite a powerful movement towards a sustainable water future. Ozwater'24 will take concrete steps to effect lasting change. We will explore actionable strategies that empower individuals, organisations, and governments to make a tangible impact.

The time is now to accelerate action and create a sustainable water future for generations to come. Join us at Ozwater'24 and be part of a movement that will shape the course of water management in the face of the climate crisis.

We're counting on you to explore actionable strategies so future generations can thrive in a better, safer future. It's time to walk the walk on water.

There are 13 key sub-themes that presenters are encouraged to address at Ozwater'24

Theme 01: Communities of the Future

Theme 02: Excellence in Operations

Theme 03: Asset Management, Planning & Delivery

Theme 04: Delivering Excellence in Customer Experience

Theme 05: Advances in People, Culture, Diversity, Inclusion & Equity

Theme 06: First Nations People Knowledge & Participation

Theme 07: Leadership in Governance & Progressive Regulation

Theme 08: Supporting Healthy Communities & Environments

Theme 09: The Water Nexus: Achieving a Circular Economy

Theme 10: Preparing for Climate Change & Extreme Events

Theme 11: Resilience & Water Security for the Future

Theme 12: Rural, Remote & Regional Water

See our [Call for Papers webpage](#) for detailed sub-theme outlines and suggested topic areas. Alternatively, download [here](#)

## Submission Types & Templates

### Extended Abstract

[Download Template Here](#)

- An extended abstract is a research paper where its ideas and significance can be understood in less than an hour.
- Ozwater extended abstracts must be a maximum of 2 pages of text, followed by a maximum of 3 pages of tables or graphs.
- Please do not include references or acknowledgements in this abstract. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, references can be added to the final paper.

### Case Study

[Download Template Here](#)

- Case studies describe real-life water scenarios or projects.
- Case studies can be presented on behalf of an individual or organisation.
- The case study should outline the issue, analysis, solution and evaluate the project results and impact.
- Ozwater case studies must be a maximum of 2 pages of text, followed by a maximum of 3 pages of tables or graphs.

### Video Pitch

[Download Template Here](#)

- Use this to pitch your presentation idea if video is the best platform to showcase your project.
- Video may include marketing campaigns, community engagement or customer projects.
- Video pitches must run for 4 minutes or less.
- If your video pitch is accepted, a written paper is required for presentation.

# Presentation Formats

All submissions regardless of type are considered for the below presentation types:

- A 20-minute technical presentation + 5-minute Q&A
- A 5-minute pitch presentation with A1 technical poster displayed in the Exhibition Hall

## Selection Process, Dates & Criteria

### How to Submit

Submissions must be lodged through our Submission Platform, Aventri. Follow the prompts to create a login and submit your document. All documents must be saved as PDFs (or Mp.4 if Video Pitch) and uploaded through the portal. No submissions will be accepted via email. You will receive a confirmation email after each successful submission. Please contact [bmasters@awa.asn.au](mailto:bmasters@awa.asn.au) with any questions.

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### Selection Criteria

All abstracts for technical papers, case studies and video pitches are peer-reviewed by water industry professionals and academics and scored via the submission portal. AWA staff facilitate the process and support the Committee in building the program but do not take part in actual reviewing or selection of submissions.

Submissions are judged on:

- Relationship to the themes of the Conference
- Contribution and significance to the water sector
- Technical, project and case study content
- Interest and significance to the Ozwater audience
- Status of the project
- Quality (spelling, grammar, layout and production value)

People who have submitted an abstract are encouraged to also review papers. Express your interest [HERE](#).

# Submission and Review Key Dates

Action	Date
Call for Papers Opens	Thursday 31 August 2023
Call for Papers Closes	Friday 29 September 2023
Reviewing Opens	Monday 2 October 2023
Program Build Workshop	Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 October 2023
First round offers sent	Monday 30 October, 2023
Speaker acceptance, bio, headshot due	Monday 20 November, 2023
Preliminary Program Launch	Friday 2 December, 2023

## Submission Requirements

1. Submissions must relate to the **conference sub-themes**.
2. Submissions must use the correct template to submit an abstract, case study or video pitch.
3. Submissions must be made via the submission portal. Submissions emailed to AWA cannot be considered.
4. Submission titles must be clear and concise – under 20 words. Remember, they will become the title of the presentation, if selected.
5. You may submit more than one abstract, case study, or video pitch.
6. Presenters can only be featured in the Ozwater'24 program once as a speaker. If multiple submissions are accepted, you must nominate an alternate speaker.
7. Submissions must be based on outcomes, not future projects.
8. The paper submitted into the Ozwater'24 program must not have been presented or published previously.  
*This does not apply to papers that have been presented at a conference hosted by AWA or published via AWA Water e-journal.*
9. Submissions may be amended or withdrawn before 5:00pm (AEST), Friday 29 September 2023.

# Conditions

By submitting an abstract, case study, or video pitch, it will be assumed that all authors have consented to its submission and that all copyright provisions have been met.

- If accepted for a 20-minute Technical Presentation, submission of a full paper is compulsory.
- Abstracts and/or full papers will appear online and will be made available to attendees and to the public 3 months after the event date.
- Ozwater is Australia's leading water conference and exhibition: only submissions of the highest quality will be accepted.
- Submissions of a commercial nature will not be accepted.
- Scores and comments from peer review of abstracts and full papers will be made available once reviewing closes.

By submitting an abstract, case study or video pitch you agree to the following conditions and due dates.

- You confirm copyright ownership and originality of the paper and the work.
- A headshot and 100-word biography will be submitted **Monday 20 November 2023**.
- A paid registration at a discounted speaker registration rate will be completed by **Monday 15 January 2024** by all Ozwater'24 presenters *and* co-presenters.
- A PowerPoint presentation will be submitted by **Monday 15 April 2024** (to be included in the conference proceedings).
- You confirm the paper has not been previously published in any other form and that the Australian Water Association will be granted permission to publish the paper – **this must be confirmed at time of abstract submission**. *\*This does not apply to papers that have been presented at a conference or event hosted by AWA or published via AWA Water e-journal.*
- That you or a nominated speaker will be available to present during Ozwater'24 in Melbourne, Australia between 30 April and 2 May 2024.

**If accepted for a 20-minute presentation:**

- A full paper for inclusion in the conference proceedings will be submitted by **Friday 2 February 2024**.
- A revised full paper (\*optional) will be submitted by **Monday 18 March 2024** (to be included in the conference proceedings).

**If accepted for a 5-minute presentation:**

- A1 Technical Poster Artwork will be submitted by **Friday, Monday 18 March 2024**.

# Conditions Key Date Summary

Action	Key dates	20-minute Technical Presentation	5-minute Pitch Presentation
Presenter registration due	Monday 15 January 2024	Compulsory	Compulsory
Full paper submission due	Friday 2 February 2024	Compulsory	Optional
Full paper reviewing starts	Monday 5 February 2024	Compulsory	Optional
Full paper reviewing ends	Friday 1 March 2024	Compulsory	Optional
Full paper comments provided	Wednesday 6 March 2024	Compulsory	Optional
A1 Poster artwork due	Monday 18 March 2024	Not applicable	Compulsory
Revised full paper due	Monday 18 March 2024	Optional	Optional
Final presentation due	Monday 15 April 2024	Compulsory	Compulsory
Ozwater'24	April 30 – May 2	Compulsory	Compulsory

Please ensure you can keep to the above schedule before you submit an abstract.