



DATA QUALITY WORKING GROUP (DQWG)

[A Working Group of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)]

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To DQWG Members

Date 24 January 2014

Subject: Invitation to attend the 8th Meeting of the IHO Data Quality Working Group (DQWG) - Wollongong, Australia 25–28 March 2014

Ref: DQWG Letter 02/2013 dated 17 December

Dear Working Group Member,

1. All members of the DQWG are hereby invited to attend the 8th meeting of the DQWG which will be held at the Australian Hydrographic Office, Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. The full DQWG meeting will be held over the period Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 March, with a further one day joint meeting with the Data Classification & Encoding Guide sub-WG of TSMAD on Friday 28 March¹. The latest DQWG Membership List is available from the IHO website at:

http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/DQWG/DQWG_MISC/DQWG_Members.pdf.

2. To facilitate arrangement of passes to the AHO everyone attending the meeting must complete the registration form at **Annex A** and return it no later than 1 March 2014 to:

Mike Prince (mike.prince@defence.gov.au),

cc to Jasbir Randhawa (international.relations@hydro.gov.au).

3. Details and locations of nearby hotels are available in the Logistical Information at **Annex B**. Members attending must make their reservations directly with the hotel.

4. It should be noted that the TWLWG will be meeting at the AHO during the same week as DQWG and DCEG, while TSMAD will be meeting in Sydney the following week.

¹ DQWG Letter 02/2013 announced 26-28 March as dates for the meeting. The revised dates should allow better coordination with the TSMAD-DCEG work.

Finally anyone requiring a letter of invitation from Australia for the purposes of obtaining a Visa to visit Australia is requested to inform Mike Prince at the earliest opportunity.

On behalf of the Chair, DQWG,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Prince', with a small flourish at the end.

Mike Prince
Director Charting Services
Australian Hydrographic Service
Navy HM Branch

Enclosures: Annex A – DQWG8 Registration form
Annex B – DQWG8 Logistics information

DQWG 8 Registration Form

IMPORTANT Note: All members must please complete the information requested in this form, and forward it to the Australian Hydrographic Office by no later than 1 March 2014.

Contact Information:

Email: mike.prince@defence.gov.au (cc to international.relations@hydro.gov.au).

Phone: (+61) 2 42236615

Fax: (+61) 2 42236599

After hours: Mob: 0409817056

Personal details: (This information is required for legal compliance with the Australian Immigration Act of 2004, for all non-Australian residents residing in an Australian hotel.)

First names:	
Surname:	
Name of partner (if applicable):	
Organisation:	
Nationality/ Residential Status:	
Residential Address- Street	
City	
Code	
Country	
Home telephone number:	
Office telephone number:	
Mobile telephone number:	
E-mail address:	

Accommodation

Arrival date:		Departure date:	
Hotel:			

Travel Information

Arrival at Sydney International Airport		Departure from Sydney International Airport	
Flight No:		Flight No:	
Airline:		Airline:	
Arrival date:		Arrival date:	
Arrival time:		Arrival time:	

Comments or additional information:

Logistics for the 8th meeting of the Data Quality Working Group (DQWG8), 25-28 March 2014, Wollongong, Australia

Venue

The meeting will be held the premises of the Australian Hydrographic Service, 8 Station Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500 Australia. Visitor entry passes for the Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO) will be available from the receptionist from 08:30.

Program

The meeting will commence on Tuesday 25 March at 09:00 at the AHO in the “PP King” Meeting Room, Fourth Floor. The DQWG meeting will be closed on Thursday 27 March at 17:30 at the latest. There will be an additional one day overlap meeting with the DCEG sub-group of TSMAD on Friday 28 March from 09:00 to 17:00 at the latest.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be served during the meeting. Lunch may be served jointly with the TWLWG.

Accommodation

Close accommodation can be found at Best Western Wollongong (4.5 star). This is five minutes walk from the AHO. Prices start at AU\$170 per night.

Address: 6-10 Gladstone Avenue, Wollongong NSW 2500, Australia

Tel: +61 2 4222 4000

Email: info@bestwesternwollongong.com.au

Website: www.bestwestern.com.au

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Other nearby accommodation can be found at Adina Apartment Hotel in Wollongong (4.5 star). This is 10 minutes walk from the AHO. Prices start at AU\$162 per night.

Address: 19 Market Street, Wollongong NSW 2500, Australia

Tel: +61 2 4250 5000

Email: wollongong@adinahotels.com.au

Website: <http://www.adinahotels.com.au/adina-apartment-hotel-wollongong/hotel>

Further accommodation can be found at Novotel Wollongong Northbeach (4.5 star). This is 20 minutes walk from the AHO and overlooking the beach and boat harbour. Prices start at AU\$170 per night but are typically AU\$240 per night.

Address: 2-14 Cliff Road, Wollongong NSW 2500, Australia

Tel: +61 2 4224 3111

Email: H1564@accor.com

Website: www.novotelnorthbeach.com.au

Getting to Wollongong

Wollongong is the third-largest city in NSW. It is located close south of Sydney on the New South Wales (NSW) coast. For more information on Wollongong and surrounds go to:

<http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/south-coast/wollongong-and-surrounds/wollongong/map>

Wollongong is accessible by car, shuttle service or train.

By Car From Sydney Airport. An easy 1 hour and 20 minutes drive to Wollongong via the Prince’s Motorway (M1 – formerly F6 Freeway) from the Sydney CBD.

Shuttle Service. The Australian Hydrographic Service regularly uses the shuttle services of:

Leisure Coast Limousines
Tel: +61 2 42617393
Fax: +61 2 42622990
Email: leisurecoastlimo@bigpond.com.au
Website: www.leisurecoastlimousine.com.au
Cost is \$60 AUD one way for the shuttle service.

Train. Cityrail run commuter trains as follows:

Airport Line - between Sydney CBD (Central Station) to the Airport. Travel time is approximately 25 minutes.

South Coast Line – between Sydney CBD (Central Station) and Wollongong Station (adjacent the AHO). Travel time is approximately one hour.

It is possible to change directly from one line to the other at Wolli Creek (next station to Airport). For more information see www.sydneytrains.info . Travel on Cityrail commuter trains cannot be pre-booked.

Climate

Late March is into the early Australian autumn (fall). The climate in Wollongong is typically mild, with average temperatures range from maximums of 24° to 22°C and minimums of 17° to 14°C. Average monthly rainfall is between 127mm and 135mm.

Electrical Power

Mains voltage in Australia is 230V 50Hz. Travellers from most nations in Asia, Africa and Europe should have appliances that work on the same mains voltage as Australia - therefore you will not need a voltage converter. Notable exceptions to this are Japan, USA and Canada which uses 100/120V 50/60Hz. If your country does not use appliances within the 230V 50Hz mains voltage range, you will need to purchase a voltage converter. You will also need a power adapter (see below). The plugs in Australia have two live flat metal pins shaped in an inverted "V" and a third flat pin in the centre.



Australian outlet and power cord

Internet Connectivity

The AHO is not wifi enabled. Internet connectivity will not be available to individual DQWG members during the meeting.

Tax Refund Scheme

Please see how you could reclaim some of your tax expenses at www.customs.gov.au/site/page4646.asp



