

Lawlab 2010 *Leading the Way*

As a leader in water resources law, lawlab is seeking to inspire law graduates and legal practitioners to choose the water sector for their future career.

Lawlab is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for a law graduate or legal practitioner to demonstrate their potential to contribute to the water reform agenda.

2010 Award

Lawlab is a boutique law firm with a unique role in water reform, providing advice and conveyancing services to governments, industry and individuals. Recognising the skills shortages challenging the water industry, we are seeking to enhance the expertise of law graduates and legal practitioners in this sector.

If you have experience or interest in the water sector and received your Australian law degree after 1 January 2000, lawlab encourages you to submit an outstanding paper on the following topic:

AN EMERGING ISSUE IN AUSTRALIA WATER TRADING LAW

The prize

The winning author of the *lawlab 2010 Water Law Award* will receive:

- Framed certificate
- AUD\$5,000 (GST incl)
- Complementary registration at the Water Leaders Congress 2010 (Sydney, 25 February 2010)
- A high profile session on Day 1 of Water Leaders Congress 2010 to present the paper

- Travel expenses, including economy flight (Australian domestic) to Sydney, two nights' accommodation and airport transfers in Sydney.

The paper, of between 5 000 and 10 000 words, must be submitted by the author. The author must be available to present the paper to the Water Leaders Congress 2010 at Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel on 25 February 2010 <http://watercongress.infrastructurenewsonline.com.au>

Who should apply?

The lawlab 2010 Water Law Award offers excellent opportunities to further your career in water resources law, with superb networking opportunities.

Lawlab is seeking submissions from those graduates and legal practitioners interested in engaging in the water reform agenda in the coming decade.

The winner of the award must be available to make a presentation on their paper to the Water Leaders Congress 2010 on 25 February 2010 in Sydney. Payment of the cash prize is conditional on this presentation being made.

To be eligible, papers must

- be submitted electronically in Word format
- include, at a minimum, an abstract, introduction and references
- not be less than 5 000 words and not

exceed 10 000 words

- be submitted to c.reeve@lawlab.com.au
- be received by close of business (5:30 pm AEDST) 17 February 2010
- be accompanied by the cover sheet available at www.lawlab.com.au, the author's curriculum vitae (not more than two pages) and a digital photo of the author (winner's photo to be displayed on conference webpage).

The author must

- have completed an Australian law degree in the last 10 years (since 1 January 2000) from an nationally recognised tertiary institution
- own the copy right to their paper
- agree to lawlab reserving the right to publish all or part of the work at their discretion / where they see fit / both online and in print
- be available to attend and present on their paper at the Water Leaders Congress 2010 in Sydney on 25 February 2010
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.

All entries will be acknowledged by return email.

Entries in breach of the entry conditions will be excluded from selection.

Only one entry will be accepted per person.

If there are multiple authors, the submitting author must have written consent of the other authors. The prize will only be awarded to one person: the submitting author.

Note: additional costs (meals mini bar, phone/ internet and incidentals) will be borne by the winner.

Selection

All eligible entries will be reviewed by members of a selection panel from lawlab. Up to five papers will be shortlisted for final consideration by the final selection panel comprising Ian Perkins BA Llb, Richard Bootle BEc Llb, and Emeritus Professor Sandford Clark.

Authors of shortlisted papers will be contacted by phone or email to confirm that they are available to present at the Water Leaders Congress 2010 on 25 February 2010 in Sydney before progressing.

The winner will be decided by the selection panel. The decisions of the panel will be final and confidential. Lawlab will not enter into correspondence regarding the outcome of the selection process.

Selection criteria

From eligible applications, the selection panel will be seeking a paper that

- clearly addresses the nominated issue
- shows innovation and leadership in its approach
- will engage the participants at the Water Leader Congress 2010 through the author's presentation
- is not less than 5 000 words and does not exceed 10 000 words.

Termination

Lawlab reserves the right to terminate the award if the author withdraws from the conference, or brings lawlab, the *lawlab 2010 Water Law Award* or the Water Leaders Congress into disrepute.

For further information www.lawlab.com.au

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