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## Media Release

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### **TasWater partners with UTAS for Science and Engineering Challenge**

TasWater is encouraging aspiring scientists and engineers at the University of Tasmania's (UTAS) Science & Engineering Challenge.

Organisation Planning and Performance Manager Melissa Flynn said by supporting this event, TasWater is playing an important role in increasing the skills and capability of the state's workforce.

"We're committed to helping young Tasmanians understand the opportunities that studying science or engineering can offer right here in Tasmania," Ms Flynn said.

The national initiative encourages Year 9 and 10 students to consider pursuing a science or engineering career, with hopes they will go on to study at university following Year 11 and 12.

"We are excited to be working with UTAS on this great event that allows participants to see that science and engineering involve creativity, innovation, problem solving and teamwork," she said.

"TasWater staff will be involved in the challenge as volunteers, to help with judging and to provide information to students on career experiences and pathways."

"Our volunteers are from a variety of fields, including engineering, asset management, water and sewerage optimisation, system performance and productivity."

The state-wide science and engineering challenge will be run over two weeks in September, following its postponement due to COVID-19. Due to COVID, Tasmania is the only state in Australia where the Science and Engineering Challenge event is happening.

"This is a great initiative that supports our mission to build capability in the community."

"We hope that some of the participating students will seek a career in science or engineering, and some may become part of the TasWater team one day, helping us to continue delivering essential water and sewerage services to our customers into the future," Ms Flynn said.

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