

# EPA CONNECT

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## The EPA's Watershed Protection Office makes an impact on watershed management in the Laguna de Bay region in the Philippines.

On October 17, a 15-people delegation from the Laguna de Bay catchment area in the Philippines came to visit the WPO. The World Bank funded the delegation's 2-week long journey through Australia. The purpose of their trip was to gain some insight into the different approaches of community engagement in catchment management in Australia. Rachel Barratt and Jacqueline Frizenschaf presented approaches being used to deal with community engagement in our watershed. The challenge will be how they might apply some of our methods to their Manila watershed with a population of about 20 million, compared to our multiple use watershed populated by approximately 50,000.

The visit was triggered by the EPA's involvement in three pesticide & nutrient research projects (one with a Philippines component) currently being undertaken in the Lenswood Creek Catchment in the Mount Lofty Ranges Watershed. The projects are managed by some of the Lenswood catchment's primary industry groups, government organisations and the CSIRO. The EPA representatives include Clive Jenkins and Jacqueline Frizenschaf.



Philippine delegation's visit to the Woodhouse (Cox Creek) wetland



Foreground: Rachel Barratt,  
Background: Philippine visitors