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Technical Event - Thursday, 29th July 2010

IFD Estimates - Evolving to Meet Changing User Needs and Emerging Science

***Janice Green - Supervising Hydrologist
Water Division, Bureau of Meteorology***

**Urban Hotel - 345 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane
Panorama Room (Level 10)**

**Complimentary Canapés and Cash Bar 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Technical Event Presentation 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

Presentation Overview

The current Intensity-Frequency-Duration (IFD) estimates for Australia were developed by the Bureau of Meteorology over 20 years ago, using a database that was comprised mainly of information from the Bureau's network of daily read and pluviograph stations, and adopting techniques for the statistical analysis of the data that were considered appropriate at the time. The focus of the IFDs was the design of structures on relatively large rural catchments and therefore durations of less than one hour were not considered necessary.

In the intervening time, considerable advances have been made in the techniques available for the analysis of the data, the mapping of the regionalised data, and the dissemination of the IFD information. Further, the requirements of the end-users have changed with a significant shift in focus to urban design on small catchments necessitating the provision of IFD estimates for durations as short as one minute.

The presentation will provide an overview of the revision of the IFD estimates currently being undertaken by the Bureau of Meteorology which is adopting 'state of the science' methods and addressing the changing needs of users.

About the Presenter

Janice Green is a Supervising Hydrologist in the Bureau of Meteorology's Water Division and has 25 years experience in hydrology, hydraulics, and water resource management in Australia, India and Asia.

Her main area of expertise is in the estimation of extreme rainfalls and floods. In addition to undertaking extreme rainfall and flood analyses, she has been influential in the development of new methods and guidelines associated with their application.

She is currently project manager of the Bureau's revision of the Intensity-Frequency-Duration Estimates across Australia.

