

Utility Nominee | Steven Porter, Power & Water



I have over 40 years' experience in the water industry across public and private sectors in Victoria, Queensland, and the Northern Territory. My experience includes developing and implementing strategic business plans and asset management strategies, capital works planning and project delivery, client-customer relationship management, operational maintenance, and operating water and wastewater facilities. My qualifications include a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil), a Masters in Organisation Dynamics, and I am an Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) graduate with extensive Board level experience, currently serving on the Board of Carpentaria Disability Services.

Nominee response to essential criteria

Corporate governance experience

Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors; 20 years' experience on Boards; Senior Executive experience across multiple water utilities in three states/Territories; currently Executive GM - Water Services at Power and Water; currently Company Secretary to \$20M/annum disability services provider in NT; extensive strategic and business planning experience.

Accounting Experience

Extensive financial experience gained through senior managerial responsibilities; as Executive GM - Water Services at Power and Water currently responsible for a \$200M/annum business with full P&L accountabilities; other financial experience gained as Treasurer to \$50M/annum community health service.

Legal Experience

General legal experience gained through participation in Ombudsman mediation sessions; contractual claims; developer liquidation activities; land disputes; supplier performance disputes.

Experience gained in industry, research or regulation relating to the Australian water sector, water recycling and wastewater management

I am a water specialist with 40 years (gulp) experience in all facets of the industry obtained across multiple public water corporations, the private sector and within a Council structure. This experience has been gained in Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory providing me a multi-jurisdictional view of the water industry.

Nominee response to desirable characteristics

Research, education and training for water industry

Overseeing multiple research activities at Power and Water which are being undertaken in collaboration with educational institutes such as CDU; UNSW and UQ. Have supported in-house R&D work which is offering innovative solutions for remote communities.

Items highlighted in blue denote nominee self-responses to high priority gaps as identified by the WaterRA Board for 2021