

University Nominee | Jodieann Dawe, University of South Australia



I am passionate about high quality and impactful research that supports the needs of the Water Industry and the wider community. I have been engaged with WaterRA from its inception in the role of inaugural CEO, WQRA and would welcome the opportunity to serve as a Board Director of WaterRA.

In support of my nomination, I can provide experience in serving on national and global water industry boards, including Australian Water Association and Global Water Research Coalition, and a range of water-related committees. With over a decade of experience as a Non-Executive Director, company secretary and GAICD, I bring expertise and proficiency in governance and risk management; strategic planning and development; financial management; intellectual property and legal oversight as well as a commitment to ethical and transparent decision-making processes.

This is coupled with my executive career in research management and commercialisation. A critical part of my roles as Director, Research and Innovation Services (UniSA), is establishing collaborations and overseeing the delivery of research. I believe that my critical value-add to WaterRA Board is being able to understand and bring together the needs of industry, government and researchers to ensure that WaterRA research delivers economic, societal and environmental impact and benefit.

Nominee response to essential criteria

Corporate governance experience

An experienced and qualified company secretary and AICD Company Director Course is complemented by experience and training in corporate governance for NFP (AICD) and in delivering training courses for Corporate Governance and Directors Duties for Board.

Accounting Experience

Significant experience in preparation and critique of operational budgets and financial statements through my roles as an Executive and as an NED. Well developed knowledge of Directors' responsibilities, including legal, ethical, fiduciary and financial. High level proficiency in understanding and analysing financial reports and to use it as the basis of objective and practical decision making and to ensure a high level financial stewardship.

Legal Experience

Grad Diploma of Corporate Law (University of Sydney) and significant experience in corporate and research contract negotiations, drafting and management. In my current position as Director, Research and Innovations Services I oversee the development and execution of a wide range of legal instruments and have responsibility as a public officer and authorised signatory. Through previous roles, I also have demonstrated significant experience in IP management through contracts.

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

I was a previous CEO of Water Quality Research Australia, Board Member of AWA and current member of SA AWA Water committee. I have been involved in the water industry for over a decade, specifically around the research and project management.

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

Nominee response to desirable characteristics

Research, education and training for water industry

As previous CE of WaterRA, and in my current role of Director, Research and Innovation services at UniSA, I support researchers and higher degree research students in their endeavours and in business development to pursue and translate research opportunities. I have a deep understanding of training and development for the water industry through my previous engagement with Water Directorate and several University Committees that govern and promoted training and development in the water sector