

MEDIA RELEASE

DUAL PROMOTION FOR COTTON RESEARCHER

A groundwater and environmental engineering expert who has worked on Cotton Catchment Communities CRC projects, Ian Acworth, has received high recognition from his employer, the University of NSW.

He has been promoted to full Professor at UNSW, and has also accepted the Gary Johnston Chair in Water Management at the University, a split appointment between the Science and Engineering Faculties.

This position will promote research and teaching in the surface-groundwater area, particularly west of the Great Divide, home of the cotton industry.

For more than 30 years, Professor Acworth has specialized in groundwater-related activities. He was responsible for the initial development of electrical imaging in the late 1970s, and has remained at the forefront of technology in this area, which is to be further developed for the cotton industry through a current Cotton Catchment Communities CRC/CRDC grant.

Professor Acworth is also developing a tool kit for the cotton industry to enable better differentiation of surface and groundwater resources and to improve understanding of the connectivity between these two vitally important resources.

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