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A New Way to Work Together - *WetlandInfo*

The objective of the Queensland Wetland Programme is to develop and implement strategies to support the conservation and management of wetlands in Queensland (including lakes, swamps, estuaries, rivers and marine areas). To do this successfully, a wide range of stakeholders need to have access to the best available tools, information and data. The tools currently available for that engagement are limited or difficult to find.

Feedback from stakeholders during state-wide consultation in 2006 clearly identified the need for an easy to use interactive interface for wetland information discovery and delivery. The information needs to be current and easily available to all sectors of government, community and industry. Extensive workshops demonstrated that for stakeholders to use the information gathered via the QWP on a regular basis, it needs to be delivered through an easy to use web site including: access to tools; a web map server with data download capabilities; access to summary data; the ability to upload newly collected data; and more.

This interactive website – *WetlandInfo* is being developed in partnership with other government and non government groups to be used as a first-stop-shop where government, research institutes, regional bodies and others could place wetland information and resources to be used by all stakeholders.