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# **ACTIVITIES**

- Joint PCR reference lab
- Workshops focussing on microbiological water quality
- Pilot site studies
- Students exchange

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Prompt water monitoring and quality control are essential for public health protection and risk regulation. Consequently, the rapid, specific and sensitive detection of microbial indicators and waterborne pathogens represent a key challenge in modern water quality monitoring. In the last years the application of monitoring concepts and technologies was expedited at the TZW as well as at the CSIRO. Both the Australian and German collaborators have developed new methods in these specific areas,



### **OBJECTIVE**

Overarching objectives of the German-Australian collaboration are to optimize and extent monitoring methods of water quality:

- PCR detection of hygienically relevant microorganisms in different waters
- Microbial Source Tracking with culture-independent methods
- Detection and elimination of antibiotic resistant bacteria and antibiotic resistance genes
- Improved methodology for the concentration and detection of viruses from water environments
- PCR-based live-dead differentiation
- Application of microarray technology in water monitoring
- Elimination of hygienic relevant microorganisms during ground water recharge and wastewater reuse

## PCR REFERENCE LAB

Quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR)





Ultrafiltration module for large water volumes

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Microbial Source Tracking

