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# Media release

## Proposal to roll over existing employee agreements

Allconnex Water has been negotiating a new agreement to cover employees across the Gold Coast, Redland and Logan districts.

Allconnex Water General Manager Human Resources Wayne Merrotsy said given current uncertainty about its future, Allconnex has presented unions with an alternative option of rolling over existing employee agreements for up to 18 months from 1 July 2011.

Mr Merrotsy said the uncertainty resulted from the Premier's announcement in April allowing Councils to opt out of water distributor-retailers such as Allconnex.

"Rolling over the existing agreements will extend the current arrangements, provide for a wage increase and allow a future single agreement to be made when certainty around Allconnex's future is achieved," he said.

"In the event that any, or all, of the three councils elect to opt out of Allconnex, the decision to roll over the existing certified agreement will minimise the difficulties of absorbing pay arrangements and conditions back in to the councils."

The Queensland Government's Workforce Framework 2009 sets out the requirement for an Allconnex Water Certified Agreement to be made by 1 July 2011.

"This is an employment agreement that sets out employee conditions across the Gold Coast, Redland and Logan," said Mr Merrotsy.

"The delay in negotiating a single Allconnex Water certified agreement is disappointing, but is the most prudent course of action given the current uncertainties."

"Allconnex remains willing to negotiate a single certified agreement as soon as practical."

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