

Strategic advice from new division

In a move designed to reinforce its sustainability credentials across a broad range of building and development areas, Bonacci Group has formed a new operating division called Bonacci Water.

The division is being headed by recently appointed director, Dr Peter Coombes, considered by many to be one of Australia's leading authorities on water management and associated sustainability issues.

Coombes' role will be to build and manage Bonacci Water, focusing on providing strategic advice, and innovative water design and sustainability solutions to all levels of government and business.

He will also train and transfer knowledge, based on a number of his award-winning designs in the areas of integrated water cycle management and water sensitive urban design, to other Bonacci Group engineers and scientists. Coombes said these designs have stood the test of time and continue to perform well.

As much as 60% of Bonacci Water's activities will revolve around

work for federal, state and local governments and associated bodies, with the balance addressing water issues in the business sector.

"I'll also continue to conduct research while developing and implementing new methods of analysis, while raising awareness of Bonacci Water as an independent authority in the water industry," Coombes said.

Coombes will draw support from the full resources of Bonacci Group's five offices, in Victoria, NSW and Queensland, working closely with their civil and environmental engineering departments.

Before joining Bonacci Group, Coombes was conjoint associate professor of integrated water cycle management at the University of Newcastle and a director of Urban Water Cycle Solutions.

He will continue in his position at the University of Newcastle, and will also be an associate professor within the University of Melbourne's Schools of Biomolecular and Chemical Engineering and Civil/Environmental.