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10	Abstract
11	Australia has played an important role in the development of potable reuse internationally. Most
12	significantly, Australia was the first country to develop national water quality guidelines specifically for
13	this purpose. This has recently been followed-up with the development of detailed protocols for the
14	validation of treatment performance for a number of key advanced water treatment processes.
15	Nonetheless, the successes of potable reuse projects, which have been proposed for development in
16	Australia, have been variable. An important groundwater replenishment project is now operational in
17	Perth, Western Australia. However, what was to be a similarly important reservoir-augmentation
18	project in South East Queensland is currently idle. A smaller scheme in Sydney, New South Wales,
19	produces highly treated reclaimed water for river-flow augmentation upstream of a drinking water
20	offtake. Each of these projects has contributed to technical skills and provided important research
21	opportunities. Key research topics and outcomes are described here. Finally, prospects for the future
22	role of potable reuse in Australia are considered.
23	<b>Keywords</b> : potable reuse; recycled water; groundwater replenishment; surface water augmentation;
24	water quality guidelines.

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