## Friday 14 September 2018, Secretary DFSI (Martin Hoffman) News

## New Modelling and Monitoring Hub

Yesterday I launched the NSW Water Modelling and Monitoring Hub (MaMH) at an event in McKell attended by representatives from DFSI and across NSW Government. The MaMH will develop, capture and disseminate specialist water modelling and monitoring information in NSW to support effective water, catchment and coastal management.

DFSI's Manly Hydraulics Laboratory (MHL) will chair the MaMH, drawing on its highly regarded specialist modelling and monitoring expertise.

With member agencies from across government, including the Department of Industry's Lands and Water, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, NSW Office of Local Government, Sydney Water and WaterNSW, the hub is a terrific example of collaboration and knowledgesharing, delivering better information to improve government services. Digital and open data technologies will be crucial to this knowledgesharing.

In coming months, the MaMH will kick off two strategic projects documenting the breadth and purposes of existing modelling and monitoring information and the available skills and gaps across NSW.



Speaking at the launch with Fiona Smith, WaterNSW, Ed Couriel and Kate Wilson, Office of Environment and Heritage



Representatives from across government at the launch

The MaMH is a great initiative and I will watch its work with interest. Well done to **Ed Couriel**, Director of MHL, and the whole MHL team.