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TAMAR FUTURES FORUM BRINGS KEY PEOPLE TOGETHER

Those with an interest and responsibility in the management of the Tamar estuary will come together in Launceston next week for the Tamar Futures Forum.

The forum will be held next Wednesday and has been organised by NRM North's Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) Program, in partnership with the City of Launceston and the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

NRM North's TEER Program Coordinator, Michael Attard, said the forum aimed to bring experts and general public together to share knowledge on a variety of topics.

"There are many groups and individuals working in different spaces so it is a fantastic opportunity for the public to come along and learn more about a variety of topics relating to the Tamar estuary.

"These topics include Launceston's June floods, Lake Trevallyn eel migration, Hydro power and Cataract Gorge flows, the Launceston Sewerage Improvement Plan, Tamar estuary health report cards and silt raking."

The TEER Program has spent the past eight years focusing on the science surrounding the issues impacting on the Tamar catchment, with an emphasis on strengthening partnerships between the agencies responsible for its management.

This forum is just one of the key initiatives the TEER Program has put in place to raise community awareness about the Tamar estuary. Some of the other initiatives include annual report cards into the health of the Tamar estuary, the development of a Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Tamar estuary and esk rivers catchments and regular water quality monitoring.

Kathryn Pugh from the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand said a key role of the EIANZ was to support interdisciplinary discussion on environmental issues.

"This forum will provide a great opportunity for a wide range of environmental professionals to discuss the issues facing the Tamar catchment with each other as well as community leaders and the wider public."

The Tamar Futures Forum runs from 9am to 5pm on Wednesday, September 21st at the QVMAG in Launceston. Places are limited.

RSVP online through: www.eianz.org/events/event/tas-tamar-futures-forum.

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