

## A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE IN AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERING

Consult Australia held its annual Awards for Excellence on Friday, 2 December 2011 at Sydney Town Hall to recognise a year of exceptional consulting projects delivered by Consult Australia member firms.

The field of entries in this year's event reflected the world class standards of quality, innovation, skills and client service delivery that the industry's small, medium and large firms achieve in infrastructure projects.

Consult Australia Chief Executive Officer Megan Motto said that this year's Awards was a truly exciting event at which the many strengths of the Australian consulting industry were recognised and celebrated.

"As we grapple with national skills shortages, an environment of constrained spending and changing expectations, the Awards for Excellence allows both the industry and the broader public to take pause and recognise the international standard of work produced by the Australian industry," said Ms Motto.

"The number of alliances that were entered is testament to the growing sense of community and cooperation that is enhancing the industry's ability to deliver impressive, high profile projects that truly support our nation and communities around the world."

The illustrious Project of the Year was awarded to the Aurecon Hatch for the Abbot Point Coal Terminal X50 Expansion. The project highlighted the highly regarded ability of the firm to deliver major infrastructure that will improve the value and efficiency of coal delivery and shipping nation-wide.

Other winning projects included AAMI Park, Victoria; the Ted Smout Memorial Bridge (Houghton Highway duplication); Adelaide Oval Western Grandstand redevelopment, Springvale road rail segregation, Cochlear global headquarters and the Australia Pacific LNG project environmental impact statement.

The event serves to lift the profile of technical skills in the Australian consulting environment by celebrating innovation, sustainability, cost-saving techniques, creativity, uniqueness, outstanding service delivery, overcoming major project challenges, and delivery of client satisfaction.

Recognised as one of the biggest events in the engineering industry, the Awards attracted over 450 senior representatives from firms including AECOM; Arup; Aurecon; Coffey International; GHD; Golder Associates; Hyder Consulting; Kellogg Brown & Root; Norman Disney & Young; Sinclair Knight Merz; SMEC; URS Australia; Worley Parsons; and other professional services firms.

"With issues of cities planning and future-proofing so firmly in the spotlight, it's important we take stock, support and celebrate the enormous contribution our industry makes to this country's economic, social and environmental fabric," said Ms Motto.

"Consult Australia looks forward to continuing to influence policy, create value and promote excellence within the industry over coming years."

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## **ABOUT CONSULT AUSTRALIA**

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