

### **2021 Awards for Excellence – Small, Medium and Large Firm of the Year**

*The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Small Firm of the Year Award winner has been announced as Porter Consulting Engineers.*

*The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Medium Firm of the Year Award winner has been announced as Tonkin, taking them in to the prestigious Hall of Fame.*

*The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Large Firm of the Year Award winner has been announced as Aurecon.*

#### **Small Firm of the Year**

Porter Consulting Engineers has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Small Firm of the Year. The Small Firm of the Year Award recognises the sole practitioner or firm with less than 20 employees with a nomination in any of the 2021 Awards for Excellence categories considered to be of the highest standard by an independent judging panel.

Porter Consulting Engineers is a small engineering consultancy firm with a combined professional and support staff of 14, operating from premises in Mount Pleasant, Western Australia. Established in 1995, Porters has become one of WA's leading, locally owned and operated civil and traffic engineering consultancies.

#### **Medium Firm of the Year**

Tonkin has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Medium Firm of the Year. The Medium Firm of the Year Award recognises the member firm with 20 – 199 employees, with a nomination in any of the 2021 Awards for Excellence categories considered to be of the highest standard by an independent judging panel.

This is the 3rd consecutive Medium Firm of the Year award for Tonkin in this category and their team are to be congratulated on this result. This also takes Tonkin into the prestigious OneConsult Hall of Fame.

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The OneConsult Awards for Excellence Hall of Fame is the highest accolade a company can receive.

To be recognised in the prestigious OneConsult Hall of Fame is the highest honour and is seen as the epitome of "Excellence" and entrants are celebrated for superiority in their field.

Companies are honoured by entry into the Hall of Fame if they have been awarded Large Firm of the Year, Medium Firm of the Year or Small Firm of the Year for a period of three (3) consecutive years. Entrance in the Hall of Fame is for a two (2) year period.

Tonkin is a leading provider of engineering, environmental and related professional services to private and public organisations across Australia. Committed to serving local communities, we design intelligent solutions for the buildings, environmental, land development, maritime and riverine, transport, waste, and water sectors. With more than 150 employees in nine offices across the country, we work together with our clients to build exceptional outcomes that provide lasting community benefit.

## **Large Firm of the Year**

Aurecon has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Large Firm of the Year. The Large Firm of the Year Award recognises the member firm with 300+ employees, with a nomination in any of the 2021 Awards for Excellence categories considered to be of the highest standard by an independent judging panel.

Aurecon is a design, engineering and advisory company that brings ideas to life to create a better future for people and the planet.

In 2020, the Australian Financial Review named Aurecon Australasia's most innovative company and most innovative professional services company.

Our clients' ideas and aspirations drive all that we do. We work alongside them like no other firm to co-create clever, innovative solutions to some of the world's most complex challenges, adding value across the project lifecycle through deep technical and advisory expertise.

Congratulations to our Award Winners Porter Consulting Engineers, Tonkin, and Aurecon.

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## NOTES TO EDITOR

### 1. About Consult Australia

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### 2. About Nicola Grayson

Nicola Grayson is the Chief Executive of Consult Australia. Nicola is responsible for implementing the organisation's strategy, building ongoing external relationships, and for leading Consult Australia's advocacy and government relations agenda on behalf of members.

Nicola is a member of and former chair of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Risk, Liability, and Quality Committee. In Australia she chairs the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council's Urban Resilience Task Group and sits on numerous government forums representing the Consult Australia membership. Nicola is the Convenor for Consult Australia's Champions of Change leadership group for gender diversity and inclusion, a member of the Champions of Change Coalition.

Nicola is a government relations specialist, and has represented industry associations in the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Australia. Nicola has worked across a range of sectors including general insurance, consumer finance, alcohol, and education, in addition to consulting engineering. She has an Honours Degree in Law from the United Kingdom and is a member of the Australia Institute of Company Directors.

### 3. For interview

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