

### 2021 Awards for Excellence – Small Business Excellence

*The OneConsult 2021 Awards for Excellence Small Business Excellence Award winner has been announced as Porter Consulting Engineers for Industry representation.*

Porter Consulting Engineers has been recognised as this year's Consult Australia 2021 Small Business Excellence Award Winners for Industry Representation. The Small Business Excellence Award recognises firms with less than 20 FTE who have demonstrated innovation in the conduct of their business either through process, people or use of technology.

#### **Winner**

#### **Porter Consulting Engineers**

#### **Industry Representation**

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.

We aim to be the consultant of choice through the personal delivery of innovative civil and traffic engineering services, working in close collaboration with our clients and stakeholders, and developing strong interpersonal relationships by providing thorough engineering analysis, high ethical standards and personal client service.

Our professional team is experienced in working within a multidisciplinary team and we provide services to our clients in a seamless manner. We have 14 employees in total comprising of 6 civil engineers, 2 traffic engineers, 4 designers and 2 administrative personnel.

Our reputation as leaders within the WA Local Government engineering community, allows us to continue to be at the forefront of major project delivery and innovative design projects such as the Cecil Avenue streetscape upgrade in Cannington and the replacement of the Wastewater and Drainage Pump Station at Morley Galleria Shopping Centre. Our involvement from project inception through to design, approvals and construction completion is evidence of the highly collaborative nature of our professional team and the business. However, it is our strong industry involvement and representation on various professional organisations and advocacy for better conditions and standards for our industry on behalf of all members over many years that we believe is something that is unique to a small engineering

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business and sees us punch well above our body weight in relation to industry representation.

We believe this sets us apart from other small engineering business in the amount that we give back to the industry. Most significantly, and with considerable effort, PCE has taken a lead role with Consult Australia to ensure WALGA Panel Contracts are fair and equitable for all consultants working in the Local Government space in WA. This has been a major undertaking and started back when the Panel was first established in 2012 setting the inaugural contract in place and more recently when the Panel was updated in 2021.

This has involved many reviews and meetings with various stakeholders to ensure the best possible contract conditions for our Consultant Group. It is Porter Consulting Engineer's advocacy and industry participation in professional associations where we give back to our professional community for the benefit of all organisations. This has been a significant part of our company culture and ethics since formation and continues to be an important factor in the way we operate our business for the improvement of industry as a whole

Congratulations to our Award Winner Porter Consulting Engineers.

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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

For more information and to arrange an interview, please contact Nicola Grayson directly on +61499 878 839 or email [nicola@consultaustalia.com.au](mailto:nicola@consultaustalia.com.au).