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### **Achievements in NSW water industry recognised**

The achievements of individuals and organisations in the water industry were recognised last night at the Australian Water Association's annual NSW Water Industry Awards, held in Sydney.

A project delivering environmental benefits to Sydney Harbour, an innovative tool to reduce carbon emissions and a program that involved the construction of the largest fish lift fitted to a dam in Australia were just some of the outstanding projects recognised by the water industry.

The winners include:

#### **NSW Program Innovation Award, sponsored by Reed Group**

*Tallowa Dam Environmental Flows and Fish Passage Project – Sydney Catchment Authority*

The program was developed by Sydney Catchment Authority to improve the quality of water flowing from the Tallowa Dam and restore the Shoalhaven River ecosystem by facilitating the movement of fish at the Dam. Innovative solutions, including the construction of the largest fish lift ever fitted to an existing dam in Australia, were successfully developed.

#### **NSW Infrastructure Project Innovation Award**

*SewerFix Wet Weather Alliance – Sydney Water, Manidis Roberts, MWH, Parsons Brinckerhoff and United Group Infrastructure*

The SewerFix Wet Weather Alliance, established by Sydney Water, was recognised for delivering a complex project to separate stormwater and sewerage systems in congested parts of Sydney. Despite facing a number of challenges the project was successfully delivered under budget and weeks ahead of schedule.



## **NSW Young Water Professional of the Year, sponsored by Bovis Lend Lease**

*Kate Miles, AECOM*

## **NSW Water Professional of the Year**

*Mr Owen Karsen, Manager for Asset Planning, Sydney Water*

Owen has been the pivotal figure in the development of enhanced water quality within the Hawkesbury Nepean for many years. He has also mentored many engineers and scientists in his years in the water sector.

## **NSW Water Research Merit Award**

*Cost of Carbon Abatement Tool – Sydney Water*

The Cost of Carbon Abatement Tool, developed by Sydney Water, identifies and assesses opportunities to reduce carbon emissions as well as cost effective ways to reach reduction targets. The Tool supports Sydney Water's commitment to become carbon neutral for energy and electricity use by 2020.

For more information go to [www.awa.asn.au/awards](http://www.awa.asn.au/awards).

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## **Notes to Editors**

- The Australian Water Association (AWA) is Australia's leading water sector body, representing over 10,000 water professionals around the country and across all water disciplines.
- AWA provides leadership in the water sector on a wide range of issues, including skills shortages, climate change and water reuse and recycling.
- AWA works to enhance the skills and knowledge of water professionals and promote and disseminate best practice through an extensive range of technical seminars, courses and events.