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ACT water saving program wins national water award for innovation

An ACT program that reduces large water leakages through the use of customer meters in buildings such as offices, shopping centres and universities was been awarded the Australian Water Association's National Water Award for program innovation.

ActewAGL Distribution Limited has been recognised for their demand management program which currently logs around 100 customer meters and, in less than three years has achieved water savings of 620 megalitres per year. The judging panel of water experts described the program as a role model for other organisations of their size to take on similar water saving programs.

Awarded the prize at the AWA's Ozwater conference this week, Andreas Marquardt from ActewAGL said: "We are thrilled to win this award. A lot of work has gone into this project and this award recognises the work and dedication of the team. The program has been very successful, achieving considerable water savings in the last 12 months."

The annual AWA national awards celebrate and promote the outstanding work achieved by individuals and organisations in the water sector. For more information about the AWA national awards program go to 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.
- Ozwater '10 provides the Australian water sector with an opportunity to showcase leading edge technologies and best practice to international agencies and organisations.