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### **Innovative Victorian irrigation project wins national water award**

A project that delivers significant water savings and improves water delivery for irrigators in Northern Victoria has been awarded the Australian Water Association's national water award for project innovation.

The award was presented to FutureFlow, a Goulburn-Murray Water alliance comprising Comdain Infrastructure, SKM and Transfield Services, in recognition of Australia's largest irrigation modernisation project. The project led to the replacement of a 100-year system of irrigation to a fully automated water distribution system that reduced water losses and improved customer service levels. The judging panel of water experts commended the project's use of technology that brought irrigation projects into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Awarded the prize at the Ozwater'10 conference and exhibition this week, David Mathlin from SKM said: "There are no more pressing water or environmental issues facing Australians today than those in the Murray-Darling Basin. This project is about water savings in that basin leading to better farming practice and reallocation of water to the environment. This award salutes every individual working on water saving projects in the country, particularly in the area of irrigation modernisation."

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](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.
- Ozwater '10 provides the Australian water sector with an opportunity to showcase leading edge technologies and best practice to international agencies and organisations.