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Australia's water expertise recognised

Australia's position as a global leader in water management has been recognised by the International Water Association's (IWA) Project Innovation Awards for Asia Pacific. Australian organisations dominated the awards, announced last night in Singapore, winning eight out of the twelve honours awarded.

Congratulating the Australian winners, Tom Mollenkopf, Chief Executive of the AWA, said: "Australia is leading the way in developing new and innovative solutions to water management. I am delighted that this work has been recognised at an international level. It reinforces the fact that the Australian water sector has world class skills and expertise."

Those honoured at the IWA Asia Pacific Project Innovation Awards 2010 include:

Operations/Management	
Winner	Goulburn-Murray Water's FutureFlow Alliance
Planning	
Winner	CVC, CHCC, NSW Public Works and Leighton Contractors
Honour awards	Gold Coast Water SA Water, Optimatics, United Water and University of Adelaide
Small Projects	
Winner	'us' – Utility Services and South East Water
Honour award	Orange City Council and Geolyse Pty Ltd
Applied Research	
Honour award	Centre for Technologies in Water and Wastewater, University of Technology, Sydney
Design	
Honour award	WaterSecure

The winning projects will now compete with the regional winners from Europe and North America for an international award, which will be announced in September at the World Water Congress in Austria.

A number of the successful Australian projects have also been recognised at a national level at the AWA National Water Awards, held earlier this year.

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Notes to Editors

- The Project Innovation Awards were established by the International Water Association in 2006 to recognise excellence and innovation in water engineering projects throughout the world
- 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