



AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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INDUSTRY APPLAUDS WINNER OF AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) and Engineers Australia (EA) today applauded the John Holland Group, winner of the Australian Construction Achievement Award for 2014 announced last night at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The winning project was the **Cape Lambert Marine Works-Phase A, in Western Australia** – a massive and complex port facility constructed for Rio Tinto.

The Australian Construction Achievement Award is the pinnacle award of the construction industry. The competition is hotly contested by Australia's largest construction and engineering businesses, whose projects must first qualify to be finalists before being submitted to a rigorous assessment by a panel of experts. The total value of the six finalist's projects exceeded \$7.5 billion.

Commenting on the announcement of the winner, ACA President, Glenn Palin, said the winning project demonstrated what could be achieved by contractors and their employees in difficult circumstances.

"The winner had to compete against a diverse range of significant projects undertaken by Australia's leading contractors, any of which would have been worthy winners," Mr Palin said.

Professor Alex Baitch, National President of Engineers Australia, also praised the quality of the five other finalists, all of which had exceeded the expectations of their clients.

"Each year the judging panel must shortlist from a nomination pool of excellent projects with only the cream of the crop being selected as finalists. The fact that the Award has attracted such a diverse range of projects demonstrates the skill and expertise within the industry, and the competitive nature of its participants in vying for this major Award," Professor Baitch said.

The other finalists were:

- The Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) – NSW – Thiess
- 700 Bourke Street – VIC – Brookfield Multiplex

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- The Hunter Expressway (Stage 2) – NSW – The Hunter Expressway Alliance (the Alliance) including New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Thiess, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Hyder Consulting
- The M80 ring road upgrade: Calder Freeway to Sydney Road – VIC –The Tulla Sydney Alliance (the Alliance), a partnership between VicRoads, Thiess, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Hyder
- The Gold Coast University Hospital – QLD – Lend Lease

The Chair of the judging panel, Mr Rick Turchini, said “The Award for 2014 showcases the outstanding achievements of the industry’s best project teams incorporating both building and professional people. All of the projects submitted for our consideration contained excellent features and those that did not make the final round should feel no less proud of their achievements.

“These projects demonstrate the industry’s capacity for design excellence, and construction innovation and management. The cost and quality of our infrastructure contributes significantly to the competitiveness of our economy, and hence our prosperity as a nation.”

Full details of the winner and finalists, including videos of the projects and other information, may be obtained by visiting www.acaa.net.au

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