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Water Infrastructure Group Selected as Finalist in 2010 United Nations Awards

Water Infrastructure Group and SA Water have been announced as finalists in the 2010 United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards.

The selection was for Water Infrastructure Group's Virginia Pipeline Scheme in Adelaide, which was one of three projects chosen in the Excellence in Sustainable Water Management category.

Peter Everist, Water Infrastructure Group General Manager, said that he was pleased to see the achievements of the Virginia Pipeline Scheme recognised at the United Nations awards.

"This was the first large-scale, high quality water recycling scheme in Australia and in the last 10 years we have delivered over 100GL of recycled water to more than 400 growers and other customers. On a world scale, this scheme remains one of the largest high quality water recycling schemes. Over 20 different crops are grown with the Class A recycled water and the quality assurance programs, standards and guidelines put in place have really paved the way for growing food crops with recycled water not only in Australia but around the world," Peter said.

In 2009, SA Water and Water Infrastructure Group completed the final section of the Virginia Pipeline Scheme. The new 26 km pipeline extension delivers an additional 3GL/year of recycled water into the Angle Vale area where 50 new customers who now look forward to a secure future for their businesses.

"SA Water showed extraordinary vision in looking to establish this scheme in the 1990s. It is a pioneering example of public private partnership in the water industry in Australia that has now run very successfully for over 10 years delivering environmental benefits and an estimated \$1 billion overall economic benefit to the district," Peter said.

The Virginia Pipeline Scheme is a joint venture of SA Water and Water Infrastructure Group. The first phase of the scheme was delivered by Water Infrastructure Group on a Build, Own, Operate, Transfer (BOOT) basis with funding that was a mixture of government equity, private equity and debt. All operating expenses are recovered by Water Infrastructure Group from recycled water sales direct to customers. At the end of the BOOT period in 2018, ownership of the pipeline will transfer to SA Water.

The World Environment Day Awards are presented across 14 categories to individuals, schools, community groups, businesses and local governments, highlighting top environmental initiatives and programs from across Australia.

Water Infrastructure Group was the Winner of the 2009 United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Excellence in Sustainable Water Management Award with partner Western Water. The award was for the Eynesbury Township project which delivers 100% water recycling for the first new township created in Victoria for 100 years.

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About Water Infrastructure Group

Water Infrastructure Group provides a unique combination of design, build, operate and maintenance services. We offer sole-source accountability for streamlined delivery of sustainable water infrastructure to meet community and business needs.

Our holistic approach to infrastructure delivery results in:

- Award winning innovation
- Reduced costs
- Guaranteed performance
- Individualised solutions
- Comprehensive environmental compliance
- Enhanced risk management

Water Infrastructure Group is an Australian leader in water recycling and Australia's largest supplier of Class A recycled water for farming and residential use. We have led the way with the introduction and regulatory approval of microfiltration technology for water recycling and our innovation and contributions to the water industry have been recognised by Australian and international excellence awards.

We have an extensive track record in the delivery of water and sewage treatment plants and we are one of Australia's leading infrastructure rehabilitation specialists, providing services such as pipeline inspection, assessment, linings, coatings and major valve work.

Formed in 2008, Water Infrastructure Group has over 200 people and combines the complementary skills of the former Earth Tech water projects group with Tyco's Water Technology Australia and Water Services businesses to deliver an expanded range of services that cater for the needs of customers and current developments in the water industry. More information about Water Infrastructure Group can be found at www.wigroup.com.au.

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