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Recognition for TasWater's statewide upgrade

TasWater has been recognised for its work in the removal of all Public Health Alerts on drinking water across Tasmania at the Australian Water Association's awards presentation dinner in Hobart (Thursday 21 November.)

TasWater has taken out the Infrastructure Project Innovation Award.

The prize acknowledges the level of innovation in the development of infrastructure, which enabled TasWater to upgrade all our drinking water systems to meet Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) in less than two years.

Under the 24 Glasses and Small Regional Towns Water Supply Programs, TasWater constructed 17 new water treatment plants, 73 kilometres of new pipeline, four re-chlorination stations and 16 new reservoirs.

To achieve this, TasWater CEO Michael Brewster said TasWater and its industry partners took on a range of new innovative programs to get the job done.

"One of these was the construction of water treatment plants in two factory locations in Launceston and Hobart where national company Trility and Tasmania's own Stornoway, prefabricated the treatment systems and transported them by road for installation on site.

"The removal of all public health alerts around drinking water represents an enduring benefit to community health and to get it done in less than two year shows a significant level of dedication and professionalism by both TasWater and its project partners.

"It's great to be recognised by the Australian Water Association," Mr Brewster said.

"Located in small communities, many of these projects are in areas where services are limited and to provide a water supply to residents which match the best in Australia is fantastic.

"The benefit to local communities and economies cannot be underestimated, with good quality infrastructure a key to supporting regional Tasmania.

"Much of the work was carried out in isolated areas which added to the overall challenge of the project and I thank our TasWater staff, consultants and all our contractors for being part of a team effort," said Mr Brewster.

TasWater will go on to represent the state in the national Australian Water Awards in Adelaide in May next year.

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