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## Media Release

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### **TasWater operators recognised in water industry awards**

TasWater operators from both the state's north and south have been recognised in this year's Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) Excellence in Operations awards.

TasWater's Luke Chivers, a Water Services Operator based out of Campbell Town took out this year's Young Operator of the Year award for Tasmania.

Luke was recognised for his commitment to the Campbell Town Water Treatment Plant where he works hard to optimise system performance, ensuring customers have access to safe and reliable drinking water.

"It's a massive achievement, a big tick off the bucket list that's for sure but at the end of the day I'm no different to any other operator in our team - we all go out of our way to do the best we can," Luke said.

Luke has been working in the water industry since leaving school and has been employed by TasWater for 6 years.

The coveted Operator of the Year Award was taken out by Ben Halton, a Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator based out of Blackmans Bay.

"It's a pretty big honour to receive the award, normally it goes to someone who is quite experienced," he said.

Ben has been working in the water industry in Tasmania for around ten years and was involved in the Blackmans Bay Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade.

His hard work and commitment to the upgrade contributed to his win.

"Being involved in such a large-scale project gave me the opportunity to step up and allowed me to play a big part in the project and its development."

These awards recognise the hard work our staff are undertaking to deliver essential services to Tasmanians, while also highlighting TasWater's ongoing commitment to training and career opportunities in local communities.

As part of their prize, the pair will travel to New Zealand next year, border restrictions permitting, to see how water treatment plants operate in another country.

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