

# Media Release



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## Western Water report receives gold

Western Water has been recognised for its outstanding annual reporting, with a special award for Communications Reporting (Public Sector) and a gold award at the Australasian Reporting Awards.

Western Water was the only water authority in Australia to receive a gold award for its annual report (2009-10). This puts the authority in prestigious company, with other gold award winners including Australia Post, Rio Tinto and National Australia Bank.

“For a relatively small organisation such as ourselves, this is an outstanding result, showing we are up there with the best in Australasia when it comes to our reporting standards,” Western Water’s Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

He says the award is also good news for Western Water customers.

“It means they can be confident that our reporting is transparent and meets all the legislative requirements. It is also well presented and easy to read, so the information our customers need is clearly set out.

“As a public sector organisation, providing an essential service, we want to be transparent and keep people informed about what we do,” he says.

“Our annual report is an important factor in this.”

The Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA) has a 60-year history of benchmarking entrants against criteria such as excellence, disclosure and legislative requirements.

The awards aim to promote excellence in reporting, encourage effective communication of financial information and improve public awareness of how organisations function.

Mr Wilkinson says all the staff at Western Water who were involved in producing the report deserve a pat on the back.

“I’m very proud of the hard work done by our staff to achieve this fantastic result.”

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### About Western Water

Western Water is one of Victoria’s 13 regional urban water corporations. We provide water, recycled water and sewerage services to over 53,000 properties and 134,810 people in an area of 3,000 square kilometres. Our region extends from Lancefield in the north to Melton and Rockbank in the south and from Myrning in the west to Bulla in the east. We incorporate parts of Hume City Council and Melton, Moorabool and Macedon Ranges Shire Councils.

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