



## Conference & Exhibition

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### MEDIA RELEASE

**8 June 2010, Melbourne, Australia:** Organisers of this year's Enviro Conference and Exhibition today announced the finalists for a national competition to find Australia's most cutting-edge sustainable innovation. The winner will be announced at the event which is taking place on July 21 – 23 in Melbourne.

The projects are being judged on their sustainability, innovation and successful implementation.

"Australian industry is at the forefront of designing sustainable solutions for a carbon restrained world. This award allows companies to demonstrate clearly, the progress we are making in planning for infrastructure development and process effectiveness across Australia" said Conference Chair, Max Spedding.

The intent of the *Sulo Innovation in Sustainability Award* is to recognize individuals, groups or companies who have recently completed a successful, innovative and sustainable project.

Head of the judging panel, Jan Fitzgerald said, "We were so impressed with the number of innovative projects which deliver significant environmental and social outcomes we allowed for five finalists instead of three."

A joint venture between the Waste Management Association of Australia and the Australian Water Association, Enviro 2010 will assemble industry and corporate leaders, policy makers as well as technical practitioners in an effort to drive innovation within the sustainability sector.

The conference will run concurrently with the Enviro 2010 Exhibition where over 100 exhibitors will display the latest in environmental technology. In total, Enviro will play host to an audience of over one thousand people.

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#### **Summary of projects selected as Finalists (in alphabetical order)**

##### **Barwon Regional Waste Management Group**

BRWMG developed an innovative and holistic approach to dealing with the problems of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) waste that involved working with Geelong Disabled Peoples (GDP) Industries to establish a collection and processing facility, local traders to ensure they diverted their waste EPS from landfill, and a local manufacturer – Newtown Cement Products – to establish an end market for the processed EPS waste.

##### **Intec Ltd**

Intec developed and successfully trialled a process for recycling waste sludges, residues and filter cakes, particularly those with high levels of lead, zinc, copper and tin contamination. Working with an engaged and committed client and the EPA, this process diverted hundreds of tonnes of waste (which previously had been stockpiled with nowhere to go) back into the useful product stream, ultimately benefiting the community and the natural environment.

**Siemens Ltd**

This innovative project saw a unique partnership form between Siemens, Knox City Council, South East Water, Utility Services, Federal and State governments and the local sports clubs, to facilitate water harvesting at the Siemens site, which was then pumped using a smart monitoring system to the local sports ground approximately 1.3kms away in order to provide year round water (up to 19 ML) for an oval that attracts up to 10,000 spectators at local cricket and football games.

**Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd and Hazell Bros Group Pty Ltd**

Veolia and Hazell Bros partnered together to find a process of dealing with mixed broken glass that previously had no practical use. Working with a number of stakeholders including the EPA they developed a process to mill the broken glass back to glass sand and aggregates, and partnered in delivering the first completed recycled glass demonstration project of its kind in Australia at Rosny Park Tennis Club car park.

**Visy Industries**

Visy first completed its best practice kraft paper mill in Tumut in 2000, and commissioned its second stage in October 2009. The second stage set even higher benchmarks for sustainability than the first, and achieved more than double the output of product with such achievements as no additional land being used, a closed loop water system being implemented, and world's best practice greenhouse per tonne of output at the site. This was achieved with continual and open engagement with the local community.