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## CLEM7 wins IPA Contractor Excellence Award

Brisbane City Council's Clem Jones Tunnel (North South Bypass Project) has won the 2010 Contractor Excellence Award at the Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (IPA) Awards in Sydney.

This prestigious national award is further endorsement of the work done by RiverCity Motorway and the Leighton Contractors Boulderstone Hornibrook Bilfinger Berger Joint Venture (LBB JV) in delivering what has been dubbed by many industry commentators as 'Brisbane's engineering marvel'.

Leighton Contractors Managing Director, Peter McMorrow congratulated the entire team and said the IPA Contractor Excellence award was testament to the hard-work, innovation and partnership shown throughout the delivery of the project.

"The engineering innovations that contributed to winning the award are a credit to Leighton Contractors and the LBB JV team," Mr McMorrow said.

"It is reflective of the strong collaboration shown between the joint venture team, Brisbane City Council and RiverCity Motorway and we are proud to be a part of this legacy."

The \$3 billion Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) is Brisbane's first major road tunnel and one of the largest and most complex infrastructure projects ever undertaken in Australia.

It represents the culmination of a thoroughly integrated finance, design, development, operation, maintenance and delivery process, which drew on the strengths of all parties and stands as a testimony to the value of collaboration.

Some key CLEM7 outcomes that helped win this award are listed below.

- ❖ Addressing existing and predicted future traffic congestion levels in and around Brisbane's CBD.
- ❖ Providing a vehicle for the road users themselves to invest in the project with a fully funded initial Public Offering.
- ❖ Significantly enhanced network for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport.
- ❖ The delivery of the project some seven months ahead of schedule.
- ❖ A 50% reduction in mangrove disturbance along the banks of Enoggera Creek due to a revision in construction methodologies. The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries confirmed the exceptional nature of the work done stating, "DPIF has reviewed the results and considers the project to be case study of best practice works methods to which DPIF now refers to in the assessment of similar proposals".
- ❖ Delivery of significant urban enhancements to benefit local communities including a paved plaza in the Dibley Street pocket park in Woolloongabba and ornamental planting and seating so cyclists and pedestrians have a convenient, safe stopping place.
- ❖ The flattening of grades of the mainline tunnels compared to the Reference Design resulted in improved traffic flow and reduced vehicle emissions and significant safety improvement.
- ❖ Reduction in spoil quantities (230,000 tonnes) and use of larger trucks reduced truck movements by 30% and resulted in reductions in green house gas emissions, traffic and noise impact along the haul route, with consequential cost savings.

- ❖ After more than three years of construction in, under and around Brisbane's CBD, the project remained compliant with all the Coordinator-General's conditions.

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