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International recognition for NorthConnex environmental management

NorthConnex has received the highest honour for environmental best practice at the International Green Apple Awards in London.

The nine kilometre underground motorway project in Sydney’s north west received a Gold Award for the protection and realignment of Cockle Creek in Wahroonga.

NorthConnex Environmental Planner Ryan Butler said the award builds upon NorthConnex’s record in environment sustainability.

“This is a fantastic achievement and I would like to congratulate the delivery team on continually setting the sustainability benchmark for road projects across Australia,” Ryan said.

“NorthConnex was the first road tunnel project in Australia to be awarded a ‘Leading’ Design rating by the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia – the highest possible achievement in the rating scheme.

“The team’s efforts have also been recognised under the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, with the project featuring as a best practice case study on the Global Compact Network Australia website.”

Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture Environment and Sustainability Manager John Wiggers de Vries said the construction team was honoured to receive the accolade at a ceremony held at Westminster Palace in London.

“The International Green Apple Awards are highly competitive and attract entrants from all over the world showcasing their sustainability achievements,” he said.

“The complex environmental project involved progressively relocating a 395m section of Cockle Creek further east. This was achieved through 10 temporary creek realignments, which were subject to nearly 300 environmental inspections and rigorous water quality monitoring.

“We are grateful for the recognition from the international community and will continue to strive for environmentally and socially sustainable outcomes on NorthConnex.”

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