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### **SYDNEY'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE JUDGED AUSTRALIA'S BEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

Sydney's \$1.5 billion International Convention Centre (ICC Sydney) has been judged Australia's best infrastructure project at Infrastructure Partnerships Australia's National Infrastructure Awards, in Sydney tonight.

"The new convention centre transforms Sydney and equips Australia to compete with Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore for the lucrative convention dollar," said IPA Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

"This was judged the best infrastructure project because of its excellent design, prudent construction and outstanding financial performance, all while delivering the nation a new and emblematic piece of tourism infrastructure."

*The National Infrastructure Awards are presented each year across seven project categories – and are awarded by an independent judging panel of senior government officials. The Project of the Year is the most prestigious of the Awards.*

"ICC Sydney is the biggest combined exhibition, convention and entertainment precinct in Australia, and was successfully delivered on budget, and ahead of schedule.

"But the ICC Sydney is more than a good building or a good precinct, it reflects the major renewal of infrastructure that is now underway in New South Wales.

"The International Convention Centre was the first major project started by the O'Farrell Government, off the back of asset recycling so it's also an emblem of the renewal that's possible when governments are willing to explain and lead change.

"Our warm congratulations to the NSW Government, the Darling Harbour Live consortium and its partners on this major win".

*Companies involved in the International Convention Centre Sydney: Darling Harbour Live consortium: AEG Ogden, Capella Capital, First State Super, Hostplus, Lendlease, Spotless; Advisian, Clayton Utz, Herbert Smith Freehills, KPMG, NSW Government.*





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**About the National Infrastructure Awards:**

The National Infrastructure Awards are convened by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia each year, recognising excellence in public administration and business, across major projects.

The Awards are overseen by an independent judging panel, comprising:

- **Ms Leilani Frew** | Executive Director, Commissioning & Contestability Unit, NSW Treasury (Chair);
- **Mr Philip Davies** | Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Australia;
- **Mr Jason Loos** | Director, Partnerships Victoria, Infrastructure Contracting, Commercial Division, Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance; and
- **Mr Mike Stapleton** | Acting Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads QLD.

