



## AUSTRALIA'S MOST RESPECTED FEMALE LEADERS RECOGNISED AT NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AWARDS

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Matina Papathanasiou and Rowenna Walker have been respectively awarded the prestigious 2021- and 2022- Women's Achievement in Infrastructure Award at the **Annual Infrastructure Oration and National Infrastructure Awards** in Melbourne.

"Matina and Rowenna have both spent the last three decades at the forefront of the infrastructure sector," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"It's wonderful to be able to recognise these outstanding female leaders for their unique and genuinely lasting contributions to excellence in the infrastructure sector.

The Women's Achievement in Infrastructure Award recognises outstanding achievements by women in the sector who have made significant contributions to policy development, procurement, or the delivery of major infrastructure projects over their careers. In selecting the award recipients this year, the Judging Panel also paid close regard to the nominee's long term, ongoing, positive contribution to the sector.

"The Judges presented Matina with the 2021 Award for her sustained contribution to the infrastructure space over a distinguished 30-year career," said Mr Dwyer.

"Matina has long been regarded as one of Australia's leading investment professionals, and has been a leading advocate globally for greater diversity and participation from women in the infrastructure sector."

Matina is Co-Founder and Deputy Head of Global Infrastructure at QIC Global Infrastructure and also serves as a Non-Executive Director of Powering Australian Renewables, Hobart Airport, and as a Non-Executive Board Member of the Port of Melbourne.

"Rowenna Walker was presented with the 2022 Award in recognition of her substantial leadership contributions to some of Australia's most significant projects including WestConnex, NorthConnex, and Sydney Metro," said Mr Dwyer.

"Rowenna is immensely passionate about improving women's representation in engineering and in other marginalised groups, which made a distinct impression on the Judges when selecting her for this award."

Rowenna Walker is the NSW and ACT Managing Director at Aurecon, a member of the Global Leadership team, and has an impressive 30 years of international experience in engineering.





“The whole sector stands with me in congratulating Matina and Rowenna for winning the 2021 and 2022 Women’s Achievement in Infrastructure Award,” said Mr Dwyer.

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is the nation’s infrastructure think tank, providing independent policy research focused on excellence in social and economic infrastructure.

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#### **About the National Infrastructure Awards**

The National Infrastructure Awards are convened by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia and celebrate excellence across leadership and major projects. The Women’s Achievement in Infrastructure Award recognises outstanding achievements by women in the sector who have made significant contributions to policy development, procurement, or the delivery of major infrastructure projects over their careers.

The National Infrastructure Awards were overseen by an independent judging panel, comprising:

- **Leilani Frew** | co-Chair, National Infrastructure Awards Judging Panel
- **Kim Curtain** | co-Chair, National Infrastructure Awards Judging Panel
- **An Nguyen** | Executive Director and Head of Partnerships Victoria at the Department of Treasury and Finance
- **Neil Scales OBE** | Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, and
- **Simon Atkinson** | Secretary, Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
- **David McKay** | First Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Investment, Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, and
- **Sir Rod Eddington AO** | Chair, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia

