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Urraween Reservoir upgrade wins public works excellence award

The upgrade of the Urraween Reservoir with its floating roof and liner replacement was named one of the state's best public works projects by the sector's peak body, the [Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland \(IPWEAQ\)](#), at their annual conference in Cairns last week.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council received the Innovation & Sustainability in Water award for the Urraween Reservoir - Floating Roof and Liner Replacement project.

IPWEAQ CEO Leigh Cunningham said the annual excellence awards recognised the success of infrastructure and engineering projects and the people who deliver them across the state.

"This project highlights how public works engineering is improving our communities and growing our economies through every aspect of our lives, from transportation and water supply to road safety and recycling, to recreation at football stadiums, parks and walking trails."

The Urraween Reservoir - Floating Roof and Liner involved a year of planning, trials, and teamwork to ensure water security when the largest water reservoir in the network was taken offline for three months to reline.

Significant innovation was demonstrated by the project team in the configuration, testing and ongoing operation of a system to bypass the reservoir for an extended duration that resulted in no noticeable change in the level of service to the network customers.

The award was among 30 projects and people to win awards from across the state at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland annual conference and awards in front of 450 delegates at the Cairns Convention Centre.

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