



DESIGN COMPETITION HONoured AT ANNUAL PLANNING AWARDS

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The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority has been awarded a Special Mention at the annual Awards for Excellence announced by the Planning Institute of Australia (Tasmania division) today.

The Authority received the Special Mention for its work in organising and hosting the Hobart Waterfront International Design Competition (HWIDC) in 2006-07.

The competition was launched in July 2006 and three co-winners were announced in January 2007.

The aim of the competition was to generate new ideas and visionary designs for an area of Sullivans Cove that includes landmark sites such as the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Dunn Place, City Hall, the Docks and Wapping Corner.

The competition attracted 280 entries from 51 countries - more entries than competitions for the Sydney Opera House or Melbourne's Federation Square.

In addition, a behind-the-scenes documentary about the competition featuring candid interviews with organisers, judges and entrants was also awarded a Special Mention at the awards.

The documentary was produced by Tasmanian media company Solid Orange Productions, led by Sandi Rapson and Caleb Doherty.

In announcing the awards, PIA Jury Chairperson John Vandenberg described the competition as: "An outstandingly successful pre-planning process to generate ideas and raise the international profile of the Hobart waterfront."

The citation for the award reads: "The Hobart Waterfront International Design Competition and the documentary film of the event demonstrated how an iconic setting, an excellent design brief and a generous prize can trigger a cascade of creative solutions by local and international designers."

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About the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority

The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority is the planning authority responsible for protecting, enhancing and developing Sullivans Cove and surrounding areas. The Authority aims to preserve the unique qualities of the Hobart Waterfront, which defines the identity, vitality and image of the Tasmanian people.