

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Local Government Super wins SuperRatings' Infinity Award**

**SYDNEY, March 30, 2011** - Local Government Super (LGS) has been named the Infinity Award winner for 2011 by independent super research company SuperRatings, reinforcing its position as the leader in sustainable behaviour in the superannuation industry.

The Infinity Award recognises the super fund that is leading the industry in the pursuit of genuine responsible investment principles and open communication of these processes to its members. SuperRatings assesses Infinity Award candidates based on three fixed criteria; Investment, Engagement and Behaviour.

Bill Hartnett, Sustainability Manager at LGS said he was pleased the Fund's internal culture and sustainable and responsible investment practices are being recognised.

"LGS has a strong and longstanding commitment to sustainability, which is guided by the vision of our Board of Trustees and the management team. Winning the Infinity Award recognises that our approach is industry best practice.

"The Fund has approximately \$3.1 billion invested in responsible investment strategies," explained Mr Hartnett. "Although the award highlights the sound sustainability practices that underpin our responsible investment strategy, we feel that it's important to keep working on the development of systems and processes to identify, monitor and address ESG and climate change issues across all asset classes."

The SuperRatings Infinity Award is the third award LGS now holds recognising excellence in sustainable investing practices. In the past 12 months the Fund has achieved the following accolades:

- Sustainable Super Fund of the Year for 2010 by the Australian Sustainability Awards
- Awarded Australia's leading superannuation fund for managing the investment risks posed by climate change in an Asset Owners Disclosure Project on climate change, a joint initiative between the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) and The Climate Institute

In addition, during 2010, LGS was recognised as the superannuation fund with the highest amount of responsible investment assets for the sixth consecutive year, according to the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA).

More information on LGS' sustainable practices and investments can be found on its recently relaunched website (see [www.lgsuper.com.au/investments/sustainability/sustainability.asp](http://www.lgsuper.com.au/investments/sustainability/sustainability.asp)).

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## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

### **About Local Government Super:**

Local Government Super (LGS) is recognised as an industry leader in responsible investment and the management of environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities across its investment portfolio.

LGS manages almost \$6 billion in superannuation assets for more than 100,000 members, including 60,000 employees working for local government or related employers throughout NSW and 40,000 former local government employees. It has approximately \$3.1bn invested in responsible investment strategies across Australian shares, international shares, property, and the absolute return and private equity asset classes.

LGS is a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment and a member of the Investor Group on Climate Change, Australian Council of Superannuation Investors, the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia and the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark. LGS is also a shareholder in Australian ESG research and engagement firm Regnan.