

MEDIA RELEASE

Batemans Bay Village Centre listed as Water Wise Finalist

- **Local Government Super owned shopping centre Batemans Bay Village listed as finalist for prestigious water wise award**
- **Significant efforts have been made to make this the most water efficient shopping centre in Australia**

SYDNEY, 14 November, 2011 – The Batemans Bay Village Centre, owned by Local Government Super (LGS) has been listed as a finalist for the Prime Minister’s Water Wise Award - part of the 2012 annual savewater! Awards. It is the only commercial shopping building listed in this category.

The award, currently in its second year, is Australia’s most prestigious award recognising excellence in water efficiency. It recognises significant savings in water use achieved by businesses in the commercial and industrial sector – which account for 15 to 20 per cent of total urban water use in Australia.

LGS has made significant movements towards making its entire property portfolio sustainable and environmentally conscious, with the Village Centre’s sustainability program pioneered by LGS since it purchased the property in 2008. Over the last financial year alone, the Village Centre reduced its water use by 13.9 million litres.

Brian Churchill, Property Portfolio Manager at Local Government Super spoke of the continuous sustainable and environmental priorities of their building portfolio.

“We have invested a lot in making the Batemans Bay Village Centre one of the most sustainable shopping centres in Australia. We recognise that water is a very valuable resource and that’s why reducing our water use in all the buildings we own is one of our top priorities,” Mr Churchill said. Rob Gell, environmental consultant and head judge of the award further commented on the high calibre of finalists this year.

“Each of this year’s finalists has demonstrated the high level of water efficiency that the judging panel requires, but we’re also seeing programs that are more comprehensive in their scope and which deliver a range of positive environmental outcomes,” said Mr Gell.

Other finalists in this category include Nursery Traders Pty Ltd, Plant Growers Australia Pty Ltd, Encore Tissue (Aust) Pty Ltd and Geelong Racing Club.

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