Australian Flood Manager of the Year: Drew Bewsher

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Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) has announced Drew Bewsher, Bewsher Consulting, as the winner of the nation-wide 2016 Allan Ezzy Flood Risk Manager of the Year Award.

FMA President, Ian Dinham said the Excellence Award aims to recognise and promote the invaluable work individuals are doing to make their communities safer in the realm of flood risk management (FRM).

"Congratulations to Drew on his outstanding contribution to FRM over the years, and his unwavering drive to improve the resilience of communities from all around the nation," Mr Dinham said.

"Drew's career of over 30 years has included the preparation of over 30 FRM studies and plans, and 20 development control plans for Councils across NSW. This level of dedication to FRM is to be recognised and commended."

“As part of his work, Drew has supported and trained a number of floodplain managers who continue to work in the FRM space, which is invaluable to the future of the industry.”

Flooding is the most costly, yet manageable of natural disasters in Australia, with recent damage estimates exceeding $500 million each year countrywide.

FMA is committed to promoting appropriate development within floodplain area, and helping reduce the risks of flooding to life and property.

FMA Members include over 120 Councils, Catchment Management Authorities, businesses and professionals involved in all aspects of urban and rural flood risk management.

The winner of the 2016 FMA Excellence Award was announced at the 2016 FMA Annual Conference in Nowra this week.

Nominations were open to FMA Members Australia wide.

Floodplain Management Australia brings together experts from across Australia and overseas to help build a more flood resilient nation. Members include over 120 councils, catchment management authorities, businesses, and professionals involved in urban and rural flood risk management.
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