Toowoomba Regional Council wins flood risk management award

NRMA Insurance in partnership with Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) has announced Toowoomba Regional Council as the winner of its Flood Risk Management Project of the Year Award.

Since the 2011 Queensland floods, Toowoomba Regional Council developed flood studies in the Condamine River catchment, and recommendations to regulate flood risk areas to protect people, property, infrastructure and the environment from flooding. The project ‘Toowoomba Region Floodplain Management: Safer, Stronger, More Resilient Region’ was recognised as one of the largest bodies of flood risk management studies undertaken by a local government in Australia.

FMA Executive Officer, Glenn Evans said the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award aims to recognise and promote the invaluable work individuals and organisations do to better prepare their community for floods.

"We're pleased to award Toowoomba Regional Council on its project which is an exceptional example of how collaboration within local communities can lead to improvement in the management of flood events," Mr Evans said.

"The recognition of this work is integral in inspiring others to do the same, to facilitate the advancement of their knowledge, and in turn make our nation safer and more flood resilient."

As the winner of the Excellence Award, the project team will receive $10,000 to continue their important work.

NRMA Insurance spokesperson, Nick Bartzis said the need to effectively manage and reduce the impact of flooding is of national importance.

"All too often we see the devastating effect floods can have on our communities, highlighting the need for better floodplain management activities," Mr Bartzis said.

"It’s important to recognise and support organisations that work to help make our communities safer, stronger and more resilient. That’s why we have been proud to support the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award since 2014."

The winner of the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award was announced at the 2018 FMA Annual Conference in Gold Coast on 31 May 2018.

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