

## SOMERTON FACILITY LAUDED

Tyco Water's Steel Pipeline Facility at Somerton has been recognised for its considerable contribution to the state of Victoria at the Australian Water Association Awards for Excellence in East Melbourne last week.

Established in 1964, the 10 hectare plant has been the source of Tyco Water's unique SINTAKOTE and SINTAJOINT range of products used in many of Australia's major water infrastructure developments.

Most recently, the facility supplied steel pipeline systems for the Victorian Desalination Project and the Sugarloaf Interconnector Pipeline.

The \$40 million upgrade, which has more than quadrupled plant capacity, has begun providing lasting benefits to communities across Victoria, earning the facility a short listing for the Infrastructure Project Innovation Award.

Essential to the facility's consideration for the award were the broader economic benefits delivered to the state.

During the construction Tyco Water engaged in excess of 350 workers and purchased over 67,000 individual products with benefits continuing to flow on to the economy with increased commerce for associated businesses involved in logistics, maintenance, factory consumables and many more.

The improved facility was also recognised for its environmental and social contributions to the state. Its ability to streamline operations, resulting in significantly reduced carbon emissions and a more environmentally sustainable Victoria was a major factor leading to its position on the shortlist.

Adjudicators too commended the project's social support of the state, particularly the creation of additional full time employment, a sentiment echoed by the Victorian Minister for Water, the Honourable Tim Holding at the official opening of the upgraded facility,

"All Victorians should be pleased that this new investment by Tyco has resulted in the creation of 80 new jobs."

Tyco Water and Environmental Services General Manager, Mike Keegan was delighted with the commendation of the AWA Judging Panel declaring,

"The world class facility at Somerton is an integral part of the nation's industrial landscape and we trust that continued demand for its output will make certain that manufacturing in Australia remains strong."

