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Ostwald Bros win 2014 Queensland Project Safety Excellence Award

Ostwald Bros were announced the winners of the **2014 Queensland Project Safety Excellence Award** at a gala dinner attended by around 350 construction industry leaders at the Brisbane Convention Centre last night.

The Awards are run annually by the Queensland Major Contractors Association (QMCA), the peak body representing the state's engineering construction industry.

Sponsored by Herbert Smith Freehills, the Award is Queensland's highest construction safety accolade, recognising a project team's commitment to safety in the construction of major government and private sector infrastructure projects.

Ostwald Bros beat five other high profile contenders to take the prize for their APLNG Rig Pads & Roads Project.

The project involves the provision of access roads and stable, flat, safe rig pads on which gas drilling facilities can be established for the operation of an energised gas field. The project is spread over hundreds of hectares with virtually no road network.

Other finalists were BMD Constructions for the Geebung Overpass Alliance project, Laing O'Rourke for the Bauhinia Electrification project, Thiess for the QCLNG Compression Facilities project and Fulton Hogan for the Blacksoil Interchange Warrego Highway / Brisbane Valley Highway project.

Judging Panel Chair, Harold Downes, said the Ostwald Bros entry demonstrated tremendous leadership, engagement and use of out of the box thinking to mitigate risk.

QMCA President Tony Hackett said the awards remained enormously popular despite a slow-down in the civil construction sector. "Interest in the awards reflects the commitment of the sector to the highest safety standards" he said.

The judging panel comprised Ray Kickbusch from Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, Peter Lyons, former QMCA President and construction industry expert and Harold Downes, partner and National Safety Team Manager at Herbert Smith Freehills.

The award is in its 14th year.

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