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## **New South Wales scores a trifecta at the National Safe Work Awards**

New South Wales has proved it is at the cutting edge of workplace safety innovation after the State scooped three out of five awards at the 2008 National Safe Work Australia Awards in Canberra last night.

Four New South Wales businesses were among 37 finalists competing within five categories at the Australian Safety and Compensation Council's annual Awards.

WorkCover NSW CEO Jon Blackwell congratulated the three businesses that took out the winning titles in their respective categories as well as the New South Wales finalist for Best Individual Contribution to Workplace Health and Safety.

"The entries covered a broad range of industry and organisation types from both the public and private sector," Mr Blackwell said.

"I commend all of the New South Wales entrants for their commitment to improving safety and reducing injuries and am pleased they are receiving national recognition for their efforts," he said.

Now in their fourth year, the national Safe Work Australia Awards provide recognition of health and safety excellence and recognise those who are committed to making Australian workplaces safer.

Finalists within each of the five national award categories were winners of OHS awards in their state or territory with New South Wales entrants being winners at the 2008 WorkCover NSW SafeWork Awards, held last October.

### **New South Wales winners in the National Safe Work Australia Awards:**

- *Best solution to an identified health and safety issue*

Forster's **Dorsal Boutique Hotel** developed a bed lifting system to help prevent back injuries. The unique system has been patented and manufactured, and is now receiving worldwide attention.

- *Best Workplace Health and Safety Practices in Small Business Award*

Cattai based construction company **WP Projects**, with workplace initiative to reduce risks in building procedures

- *Public Sector Leadership for Injury Prevention and Injury Management*

**Eraring Energy** won this category for its success in involving all levels of its workforce in developing and maintaining an effective OHS regime.

**Entries are now open for the 2009 WorkCover NSW SafeWork Awards. Visit [safeworkawards.com.au](http://safeworkawards.com.au)**

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