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Media Release: Ipswich City Council Smart City Program Wins Queensland Premier's Award for Public Sector Transformation at AIIA iAwards

Brisbane, Australia – 7 June 2017 -- The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) today announced that Ipswich City Council has been awarded the prestigious Queensland Premier's Award for Public Sector Transformation at the 2017 Queensland AIIA iAwards.

AIIA's iAwards is Australia's leading awards program for innovation in the digital economy.

Ipswich City Council won for its Smart City Program, which is part of an ambitious plan to become Australia's most liveable and prosperous city.

The program puts technology and connectivity at the core of three key components: better technology, better living and better together initiatives. Each of these initiatives are designed specifically for Ipswich based on the city's needs, priorities and its people. To support the program, Ipswich City Council has adopted technology infrastructure including mobile phones, NBN, public WiFi and sensor networks to connect Ipswich citizens with the city's services.

An independent panel selected by the AIIA judged all nominations.

Innovation Minister Leeanne Enoch presented the Premier's iAward which recognises the innovative use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) within Queensland's state and local governments.

"With more than 150 ICT projects underway in the Queensland public sector, the Palaszczuk Government highly values the industry's contribution to our state," Ms Enoch said.

"The Premier's Award for Public Sector Transformation recognises that smarter ICT solutions will empower our entrepreneurs, business owners, industry leaders and researchers to work faster and more efficiently than ever before."

Chair of the AIIA iAwards Public Sector Judging Panel, Don Easter, says the standard of entries was very high.

"There were a number of nominations worthy of winning this award, which speaks volumes to the innovation taking place in Queensland's public sector.

"In the end, we chose Ipswich City Council because of the important strides it's taken to transform itself into a smart community ready for the digital economy. Their economic

development team is creating a modern city with modern infrastructure and services that will appeal as a satellite city to Brisbane.

“Additionally, while technology is at the core of their program, they have effectively engaged with and involved their citizens to offer the community real benefits,” said Mr Easter.

Now in its 23rd year, AIIA’s iAwards program is a critical platform demonstrating the impact that its members and the broader technology sector are driving to improve Australia’s social and economic prosperity. In the age of the ‘ideas boom’, the impact of the technology sector that AIIA represents, is more crucial to Australia’s future than ever before.

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AIIA’s iAwards honours both companies at the cutting edge of technology innovation as well as leading professionals across the Digital Economy. Most importantly, the iAwards recognises the achievements of home-grown Australian innovators.

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