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## **TECC welcomes ATUG Award for the State's major telecommunications project.**

TECC CEO John McCann, a long time advocate for the roll out of competitive high speed broadband infrastructure in the State, welcomes the recognition provided by the Australian Telecommunications User Group Award for the Tasmanian TasCOLT Project presented to Aurora last night.

The award was presented by the Federal Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Conroy at a time when the redevelopment of national telecommunications is at a very important stage of development. This makes the recognition of the Tasmanian high speed fibre to the premises project even more significant.

Mr McCann said "this award validates the position taken by the State Government five years ago to adopt optic fibre as the preferred Telecommunications Infrastructure and the strong consortia put together by the TECC to deliver the TasCOLT project. The international consortia for the Tasmania project included Hitachi, Intel, CEOS, Cisco, Corning, Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Aurora."

With the consortia being able to provide the winning project, it indicates the advances Tasmania has made in developing new telecommunications capability that will now underpin both economic and social development for the next twenty five years.

"It is hoped that awards such as the one received by Aurora mark the arrival of the state as a potential leader in the field of smart telecommunications and indicates the new era whereby Tasmania can not only provide new generation services but also attract valuable investment opportunities."

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