



PRIME MINISTER
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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD

2011 FMA AUSTRALIA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE GALA DINNER

It gives me great pleasure to provide this message on the occasion of the Gala Dinner in honour of the *Facilities Management Association of Australia 2011 Awards for Excellence*.

The facilities management sector makes an important contribution to Australia's economic wellbeing. FMA Australia estimates that your industry contributes \$20 billion to Australia's Gross Domestic Product annually and employs over 200,000 people. The success of the industry is recognised tonight at these awards.

The sector also has important and wide-ranging implications for the broader economy and for Australian communities. Factors such as the physical maintenance of buildings and the management of environmental performance are crucial elements of a well functioning and sustainable society.

All the nominees in the *FMA Australia Awards for Excellence* should take great pride in their nomination. It is due recognition of your dedication and hard work. I also congratulate all the finalists and winners of the 2011 Awards and I wish you every success in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

The Honourable Julia Gillard
Prime Minister of Australia