



Rodney Davies Project Award

Recipients: Department of Conservation and URS NZ Ltd.

For: The Cleddau River Flood Protection Scheme

The completion of the \$13.1 million Cleddau River Flood Protection Scheme in November 2011 has significantly improved the safety and amenity of residents and businesses in Milford Sound / Piopiotahi (Fiordland National Park), as well as protecting infrastructure critical to the functioning of New Zealand's tourism industry.

The project success was borne from the collaboration of multiple agencies, led by the Department of Conservation and assisted by URS New Zealand, and was the culmination of several years of detailed investigations, planning and design.

The Awards Panel were impressed with the way the project had overcome a series of unique challenges, including the world heritage and national park status of the area; the complex interactions between several natural hazards; critical factors relating to the timing and staging of consenting, design and physical works; and ensuring the maintenance of the quality of the environment for existing residents and tourists throughout the construction phase. These challenges required detailed environmental assessments and development of innovative mitigation measures, extensive stakeholder engagement, and regular interaction between agencies.

The Awards Panel considered the projects outcome showed consideration environmental sensitivity and was an excellent example of cooperation between several agencies in what is a challenging environment and an extremely important location for New Zealand tourism.



The New Zealand Planning Institute Rodney Davies Project Award shall be made annually to any member or organisation, group, or body which has amongst its number a member of the New Zealand Planning Institute, and shall recognise innovative and creative excellence in the undertaking and completion of a project involving a physical work or development. The award will recognise excellence in:-

- The processes which lead to the identification of the need for or justification of the project,
- The planning processes undertaken in formulating the project including research, consultation,
- The evaluation of alternatives and decision making, and
- Any physical, economic, cultural or social change which has been result of the project.

Rodney Davies - had extensive involvement with the NZPI over its life including holding the position of President. He was elected our first Life Fellow in 2009.

