

## **Graeme Sturges, MP**

Minister for Infrastructure

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### **Tasports Wins Major National Award**

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The Minister for Infrastructure, Graeme Sturges today congratulated Tasports on its success at last night's 14th annual Lloyd's List DCN Australian Shipping and Transport Awards.

Tasports was nominated in two categories and was awarded the highest honour, being named the Australian Port or Terminal of the Year.

"For Tasports in only its fourth operating year to be achieving this level of industry respect is a fantastic achievement," Mr Sturges said.

"There is no greater endorsement and recognition of the work the company has done across our island state.

"With 99% of our freight arriving by sea it is vital that we get it right, and Tasports has been recognised for doing just that.

"The leadership shown by outgoing CEO Robert Barnes and the direction of the board under the chair Dan Norton now means we are leading the nation in the provision of port services and I commend them both.

"But this result would not have been possible without the hard work of all of Tasports' employees, and every one of them should feel proud today for their contribution.

"I am certain that this excellent work and these outstanding results will continue under the new CEO Paul Weedon."

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