

Lawlab 2010 Water Law Award

Can the rivers run wild? That's the question posed by winner of the lawlab 2010 Water Law Award, announced at the Water Leaders Congress 2010.

Winner of the lawlab 2010 Water Law Award

Lawlab's CEO, Ian Perkins, presented Alex Readford with the \$5000 prize in the first lawlab Water Law Award.

"We asked entrants to identify and discuss an emerging issue in water trade law", said lawlab CEO, Ian Perkins. "Alex's paper examined the legislative arrangements around environmental water purchases."

Lawlab's Water Law Award also provided Alex with the opportunity of presenting his paper to key industry and government stakeholders at the Water Leaders Congress 2010.

The winner paper was chosen by a selection panel comprising Ian Perkins, lawlab director Richard Bootle, and Emeritus Professor Sandford Clark.

Competition

"This initiative is aimed at building capacity amongst legal practitioners in the water sector by encouraging recent law graduates and new legal practitioners to consider how their career might contribute to the water reform debate," said Mr Perkins.

"While entrants provided a range of views, Alex's paper best met the criteria of being relevant, well written and potentially engaging to the audience at Water Leaders Congress. The selection panel were encouraged by the range of topics covered and the talent demonstrated in the entries."

The key areas identified by entrants included

barriers to trade, indigenous access to water markets, third party impacts of trade, and progress in the water reform agenda.

Prize

Winner of the 2010 lawlab Water Law Award, Alex Readford, thanked Ian Perkins, CEO of lawlab, for the opportunity provided by the award. "This prospect of networking with, and presenting to, a high profile audience at this stage of my career is exciting."

Having recently completed his Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at the Australian National University, Alex is currently undertaking an Honours Thesis in environmental and resource management.

"The cash prize is a great recognition the effort graduates put into their studies, and I'd encourage others with an interest in the water sector to enter next year's award."

About lawlab

Lawlab is an established boutique law firm operating successfully in the areas of

- Volume land conveyancing
- Volume water conveyancing
- Policy and legislative advice to government and industry in relation to water reform.

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Ian Perkins will be available to discuss the award at the Water Leaders Congress 2010, Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel on 25 and 26 February 2010 or contact c.reeve@lawlab.com.au

