

*Recognising sustainable technologies and innovations in the area of contamination assessment and remediation of the environment*

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**Purpose of the CARE Award**

The CARE Award aims to recognise sustainable technologies and innovations in the area of contamination assessment and remediation of the environment. The CARE Award welcomes nominations for innovations and technological developments from

* organisations
* consultants
* contractors
* product developers and suppliers
* service providers
* regulators and CARE
* researchers

who are working in fields of environmental contamination assessment and remediation science for consideration the Award.

Please ensure that your nomination addresses the criteria for assessment and includes any supporting evidence. Nominations should be sent to crcCARE Industry Training Manager Ratin Mathur at [ratin.mathur@crccare.com](mailto:ratin.mathur@crccare.com) by close of business on **Tuesday 20th August 2024**.

**Notes**

* Within the nomination form, the reference to ‘products’ includes technologies, innovations, services and inventions, and vice versa.
* Only one invention will be accepted per nomination.
* The nominee should own any Intellectual Property (IP) associated with the nomination.
* Nominations should be protected by appropriate patents, registered designs, plant breeders’ rights, or trademarks.
* Evidence may be required to prove the entry has been formally declared a completed and viable product, or that the product is in a significant trial implementation.

**Criteria for assessment**

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| **Criteria** | **Description** |
| **Uniqueness** | The product demonstrates:   * a high level of creativity in deploying appropriate technologies in its development * a strong mix of functions and features, and * a focus on customer needs.   The product delivers the capability to solve a specific problem in the Australian environment and there is no similar product in the market. |
| **Marketability** | The product has:   * an established share in the Australian market, or has identified potential in regional and/or international markets, and * a clear product growth path (i.e. is likely to evolve into diversified products addressing different user needs)   Product positioning and marketing demonstrate defined and realistic business and financial management strategies. |
| **Functionalities/ features** | The features of the product:   * fulfil all user requirements * show good evidence of customer implementation * empower most users to accomplish their tasks easily and efficiently, and * are designed to provide scalability and expandability for changing technologies and approaches.   The product is compatible and interoperable with most other systems in the market, easy to maintain and fulfils all the basic user requirements for a secured system. |
| **Quality/ application of technology** | The product deploys the latest technologies, provides compliance with target usage requirements and/or has won awards locally, regionally and/or internationally.  The product has proven to be consistently stable and reliable with end-users. |
| **Nomination** | The award nomination clearly and effectively communicates the key merits of the product. The award nomination demonstrates thoughtful consideration of the CARE Award criteria. |

**Nomination form and details**

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| **Nominee (company or organisation):** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| **Contact person’s name and number for nomination:** | |
| **Full name:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| **Additional supporter details (to be completed for all nominations)**  Please provide contact details for two supporters for your nomination who may be contacted by the Judging Panel. | |
| **Additional supporter #1:** | |
| **Full name:** |  |
| **Position title:** |  |
| **Organisation:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| **Additional supporter #2:** | |
| **Full name:** |  |
| **Position title:** |  |
| **Organisation:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| **Have you been granted or applied for a patent, or registration of a trademark or design?** | **Yes / No** |
| **Provisional application?** | **Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Complete application?** | **Standard:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Innovation:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Granted patent?** | **Standard:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Innovation:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Please give any other details (e.g. PCT application):** |  |
| **Trademark:** |  |
| **Design:** |  |

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| **Name of your innovation/technology:** |  |
| **Website (if applicable):** |  |
| **What does your innovation/technology do?** |  |
| **What problem does your invention solve?** |  |
| **In what industry sector is your invention intended to be used?** |  |
| **What stage of development is your invention at?** |  |
| **Please provide below one paragraph (maximum 250 words) about yourself and the inspiration for your invention.** | |
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| **Criteria** | **Description** |
| Please provide a succinct statement (maximum 250 words per section), using words that a person with no scientific expertise could readily understand, which provides an overview of the product in relation to each of the following criteria: | |
| **Uniqueness:** | (delete this text and complete summary for ‘Uniqueness’ in this section) |
| **Marketability:** | (delete this text and complete summary for ‘Marketability’ in this section) |
| **Functionalities/ features:** | (delete this text and complete summary for ‘Functionality’ in this section) |
| **Quality/ application of technology:** | (delete this text and complete summary for ‘Quality’ in this section) |

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| **Nominee endorsement (to be completed for all nominations)** | |
| **I have read and understood the terms and conditions of entry for the CARE Award, and agree to abide by them. I accept that the judges’ decision is final. I have completed the nomination form addressing all key criteria upon which the Award winner will be judged and chosen. I certify that the information I have supplied is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

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| **Office Use Only information** | |
| **Date received:** |  |
| **Date notified:** |  |
| **Final decision:** |  |
| **Final notification:** |  |

**Terms and conditions**

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the following definitions are set out:

* *Organiser* refers to the crc for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE).
* *Judges* refers to those people who are selected by crcCARE to determine the recipient of the award.
* The *Judges* form a *Judging Panel*.
* *You* and *Your* refers to the person submitting the nomination on behalf of the individual or company.
* *Nominee* refers to the company or organisation nominated for the Award.
* *Sponsors* refers to the sponsors of the CARE Award.
* *Award* refers to the CARE Award.
* *Recipient* refers to the winner of the Award.

1. **The Terms and Conditions**

* The Terms and Conditions are binding on all nominees, finalists and winners of the CARE Award.
* The Organiser of the Award will take reasonable measures to ensure that other third parties such as suppliers and contractors and Judges comply with these Terms and Conditions.
* Instructions on how to enter and the Award criteria form part of these Terms and Conditions.

1. **Agreement to the rules**  
   By submitting a nomination form, you warrant to crcCARE that You:

* have the full power and lawful authority to submit a nomination form on behalf of the Nominee,
* have to the best of your knowledge and belief provided information that is true and correct
* agree to indemnify the Organiser if it suffers loss as a result of a breach of one or more of these warranties.

The Organiser reserves the right to revoke the Award if the Nominee is in breach of one or more of these warranties and may award the Award to another Nominee.

1. **Eligibility to nominate**

* The CARE Award nominations are open to companies and organisations registered and operating in Australia.
* The nominee must own the IP of the solution which they are nominating for the Award.
* At least 51% of product development efforts including research, development and design must have taken place in Australia.
* Any innovation which has won a CARE Award in the previous three years is ineligible to enter the award, with or without product enhancement.
* CRC CARE funded research and projects are not eligible to nominate for the award

1. **Additional information for nominations**

* Nominees may be requested by the Judges to provide additional information.
* Nominees agree to make reasonable efforts to provide Judges with adequate additional information.
* Short listed nomination will be required to submit a short video or presentation showcasing their product.

1. **Confidentiality of material**

* Staff or agents of the Organiser and the Judging Panel will handle nominations. With the exception of marketing material, nominations will be treated as commercial-in-confidence. Information provided by Nominees will not be released without Your prior permission.
* Upon receipt by the Organiser, all nominations and supporting material become and remain the property of the Organiser. Nominees, however, retain ownership of any intellectual property in the nomination and supporting material.

1. **Nomination deadline**  
   Nominations must be received by the organiser by close of business on **Tuesday 20th August 2024**.
2. **Judging process**

* The Organiser reserves the right not to consider any nomination if the Organiser considers that the nomination does not sufficiently meet the Award criteria.
* The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or change the Award at their discretion if they reasonably determine that the integrity of the Award is or has been compromised.
* Chance plays no part in determining the winner and finalists of the Award. The winner and finalists are selected on the basis of merit.
* All decisions and recommendations made by the Organiser, and the Judges, shall be binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
* Judges are bound by the assessment criteria for the Award.
* The Organiser reserves the right, at the Judges' recommendation, to award joint winning nominations.

1. **Notification**

* All nominees will be notified by email once their nomination has been received.
* All submissions are kept in strict confidence and will not be provided to third parties.
* Nominees for short listed nominations will be notified of their status as finalists.

1. **Declaration of interests**

Judges are required to declare any interest in nominations over which they deliberate, and to disqualify themselves from consideration of those nominations.

1. **Presentation ceremony**  
   The winner should use their best endeavours to attend, or be represented at, the presentation ceremony. Attendance by the finalists at the presentation ceremony is encouraged. The presentation ceremony will take place at the CleanUp 2024 Gala Dinner on Tuesday 17 September 2024.
2. **Limits on organiser’s responsibilities and liabilities**

* The Organiser will endeavour to ensure that the Award is conducted in a manner which does not adversely affect the reputation of any Nominee or participant.
* Nominees enter the Award at their own risk and the Organiser will not be liable for any loss, damage or expense incurred by the Nominee as a result of entering a nomination into the Award.

1. **Promotion of nominations**  
   Nominees agree to do all things reasonable to participate and/or cooperate with any promotional or media activities conducted by the Organiser in relation to the Award.
2. **No relationship**  
   No contractual or other legal relationship shall arise between the members of the Judging Panel, the Organiser and any Nominee.
3. **Recipient benefits**  
   The following benefits will be offered to the Award Recipient:

* First prize of $5,000 (AUD)
* Second prize of $2,000 (AUD)
* a CARE Award trophy, which is theirs to keep.
* one crcCARE issued media release.
* the right to use the CARE Award winner logo on company publicity materials, and
* promotion of product at the CleanUp 2024 via the award presentation at the Gala Dinner on Tuesday, 17 September 2024, with potential for media coverage