



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

**IPAA 2019 PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT**

I honour Australia's public servants. I thank you for what you do for our country every day.

The work is complex and it is vital: growing our economy, keeping Australians safe, ensuring Australians get a fair go in their daily lives, delivering on our infrastructure, making our industries more competitive, and delivering the essential services Australians rely on.

From the tropical North to the Antarctic, Australians rely on the public sector to deliver across so many fronts. Our work is to serve the Australian people. My message across the public sector is "you can make a difference to the lives of the Australian people".

We must foster a culture across the public sector of regulatory congestion busting. This doesn't mean cutting corners or not meeting regulatory obligations, but it does mean being relentless in finding ways to help Australians make things happen and reach their goals.

I want the public service to be an exemplar of innovation and adaptability. More agile and more responsive to the public and where they live. More than ever, we need professional, connected, tech-enabled and citizen-focussed public servants working together to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Tonight's awards celebrate and recognise those teams and organisations who have successfully demonstrated this commitment by delivering new innovative customer focussed services, and inspiring others to pursue the same excellence.

I congratulate all the finalists tonight and wish everyone in attendance an enjoyable evening.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

13 November 2019