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PRIME7 NEWS JOURNALIST AMY PHILLIPS WINS KENNEDY AWARD

PRIME7's excellence and commitment to regional news reporting was recognised last night at the 2014 Kennedy Awards for Excellence in NSW Journalism.

PRIME7 NEWS Lismore Journalist Amy Phillips won the prestigious 'Paul Lockyer Award For Outstanding Regional Broadcast Reporting' for her comprehensive coverage on the Bentley blockage against CSG mining in the Casino region.

Honoured to receive the well regarded industry accolade, Amy Phillips commented, "You can only be as good as the story that is in front of you, and the Bentley blockade was a remarkable regional story and a privilege to cover. I truly couldn't have done it without the support of my colleagues, cameraman Rod Smith and Editor Fiona Ferguson".

PRIME7 Network Director of News Doug Hogan added, "We are thrilled to have a Kennedy Award winner working amongst us, Amy has only been with PRIME7 NEWS since April and is already firmly making her mark on regional reporting. This Award is a testament to Amy's outstanding work and dedication to reporting quality journalism.

Kennedy Foundation trustee and senior judge John Choueifate said the judges were highly impressed with the standard of entries. "In a challenging and diversifying media environment quality journalism will always prevail and that has certainly been proven beyond any doubt in the last 12 months," he said.

A record field of 430 entries were received in 2014 across NSW including all major metropolitan and regional newspapers, television and radio networks. The winners were announced last night at a gala presentation ceremony at the Royal Randwick's Grand Ballroom.

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