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RECORD NUMBER OF HOTELS NOMINATED FOR ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY AWARDS

The top accommodation hotels in NSW are vying for honours at the industry's gala awards night – the 2014 Tourism Accommodation Australia (NSW) Awards for Excellence.

A record number of 55 accommodation hotels are nominated for awards across more than 30 categories.

The winners will be announced at the industry's "night of nights" on **Wednesday, 16 July 2014** at The Westin, Sydney before a crowd of more than 600 industry, business and community leaders.

TAA (NSW) chairperson Nigel Greenaway said all the finalists represent excellence in accommodation services across Sydney and NSW with a full range of hotels represented – from established to aspirational brands.

"The nominated hotels are, quite simply, world class," Mr Greenaway said.

"They showcase the best whether located in the Sydney CBD or regional NSW.

"Our hotels and their staff work extremely hard to provide a world class service to guests and that high level of service shows in the record number of nominations for awards this year in the "property" and "people" categories."

The *Intercontinental Sydney* and the *Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa* lead the awards tally this year with 13 nominations each, while the *Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel* has 12.

The *Hilton, Sydney* and *Radisson Blu Sydney* both have 11 nominations, while the *Crowne Plaza Terrigal* is up for nine awards.

The *Park Hyatt, Sydney* and *Rydges Sydney Airport* both have eight award nominations. The *Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney* has seven as does *Mercure Sydney*.

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