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Council's plan vying for top national gong

A PLANNING and development reform strategy initiated by Townsville City Council is in the running for a national Property Council of Australia award.

The council's strategy, credited with helping to stimulate more than \$200 million of investment in Townsville's CBD, was announced this week among the Queensland finalists in the 2014 Property Council of Australia-Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards.

The council was among 17 finalists alongside big development project by groups including GPT, Meriton, Stockland, Lend Lease and Leighton Properties

Property Council of Australia Queensland executive director Kathy MacDermott said it was a fantastic achievement for the council.

According to the property council, the Townsville Planning and Development Reform Program set out to revitalise the city's operating environment for investment.

National award winners will be announced at a gala dinner in Sydney on May 17.