



Whistleblowing: Betrayal or Public duty?

Whistleblowers: Chairs and Speakers Biographies

■ Ken Robertson

Ken has an employment background in commercial enterprise and numerous government investigating and enforcement agencies. Currently, Ken manages Internal Audit at State Forests. Ken is the current Chairperson of the Corruption Prevention Network - a voluntary committee of elected public servants with an interest in sharing fraud control and corruption prevention initiatives. He is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and a CPA.

■ Peter Rooke

Peter is a business lawyer by profession and for over 30 years advised governments and multinationals on international trade and investment. He lived in Europe, Africa and the Middle East and traveled extensively in Asia before moving to Australia in 1994. Peter helped launch the Australian National Chapter of Transparency International (TI) in 1995 and was its Chief Executive until 2000. He is currently a Board Member and The Director of Projects. He was elected to the TI's international board in 1997 and is responsible for national chapter development throughout Asia and the Pacific as well as coordinating chapters in OECD and APEC member countries.

■ Holly Lindsay

Holly was born in Montréal, Québec. Holly's early professional experience in Canada included work at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Toronto as a country risk economist and the Department of Finance (Government of Canada) as a Macroeconomist and International Economic Policy Analyst.

In 1993 Holly moved to Sydney and joined the Economics Department of the Reserve Bank of Australia to do macroeconomic analysis of Australia's major trading partners. In 1996 Holly joined BHP as a Senior Economist with responsibilities for country risk and macroeconomic analysis. Since the merger with BHP Billiton in 2001 Holly has been working on sustainable development issues from an economic perspective, including climate change and the contribution of the minerals sector to development. She is Manager of the Global Helpline Program, a member of BHP Billiton's Global Ethics Panel and is accountable to the Chairman of the Global Ethics Panel for managing the Business Conduct Program.



Holly graduated from the University of Western Ontario, Canada in 1985 with a BA (Honours Economics) and from Queen's University, Kingston, Canada in 1988 with a Masters of Arts, Economics.

■ **Sitesh Bhojani**

In 1986 Sitesh was admitted as Barrister and Solicitor in Victoria and Western Australia. From 1986 to 1992 Sitesh was a Barrister and Solicitor with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, Perth office and also the Trade Practices Unit of the Australian Government Solicitor. Between 1992 to 1995 he was a Barrister with a general commercial and civil litigation practice at the independent bar in Western Australia. In 1994 he was appointed an Associate Commissioner of the Trade Practices Commission and Deputy Chairman of the Law Council of Australia.

Sitesh was appointed as a full time member of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in November 1995, he was reappointed for a further four year term in November 1999. Sitesh's responsibilities on the Commission include its enforcement activities (as Chair of the ACCC's Enforcement Committee), the Professions and the Health Sector. He regularly represents the Commission in negotiations and mediation of ACCC litigation.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Monash) and Bachelor of Laws (Monash). He has tutored in Trade Practices Law at the University of Western Australia. In June 1991 and subsequently in June 1994 Sitesh completed the Negotiation Workshop and the Advanced Negotiation Workshop respectively at the Program of Instruction for Lawyers at Harvard Law School, Harvard University.

■ **David Van Homrigh**

David has been the National Partner in charge of the Forensic practice in KPMG Australia since its inception in 1998 and is a member of the KPMG International Forensic Steering Group where he represents Asia Pacific. His key area of expertise is the presentation of independent expert testimony in relation to litigation and other forms of commercial disputes.

Recent experience has comprised a wide range of Forensic assignments including major investigations and extensive experience in financial advice in the context of commercial and other litigation, including investigation of major international and domestic frauds, disputes in relation to costing and pricing of services and goods, pricing of access to infrastructure assets, numerous assessments of economic loss in the context of contractual disputes, professional negligence claims, trade practices claims and commercial negotiations.

David has a Bachelor of Commerce (Uni of Newcastle) and is an Associate, Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and a Fellow, Taxation Institute of Australia.



■ **Ron McLeod**

Ron has been a career official in the Australian Public Service (APS) since 1958. He was a Senior Executive in the Public Service Board for many years before serving as a Deputy Secretary in the Defence Department for twelve years, responsible for the Defence budget and management of Defence's civilian workforce. Ron was Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, the Government's 'watchdog' overseeing the activities of the intelligence and security community.

Ron has been Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman for the last four and a half years. Under an arrangement with the ACT and Commonwealth Governments, he is also the ACT Ombudsman. Ron's office is one of the largest Ombudsman office's in the country, dealing with over 20,000 complaints annually.

■ **Kieran Pehm**

Kieran worked briefly in private legal practice before joining the NSW Office of the Ombudsman where he became the Assistant Ombudsman (Police), responsible for the management and investigation of complaints against the Police Service. Subsequently, he served as Assistant Commissioner (Complaints) at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, responsible for the handling of complaints of unlawful discrimination.

Kieran then joined the Police Integrity Commission as an Operational Lawyer and was Assistant Commissioner at the Legal Services Commission dealing with complaints against legal practitioners before taking up his current position as Deputy Commissioner at the Independent Commission Against Corruption in February 2001.

■ **Brett Warfield**

Brett joined KPMG in 1997 and is a Senior Manager in KPMG's Forensic unit with responsibility for the investigation of unethical conduct and fraud risk management. He is an experienced presenter on fraud control in Australia and Asia to CEOs, senior executives, industry and professional bodies. Brett was also responsible for coordinating KPMG's biennial fraud survey, released in April 2002.

Prior to joining KPMG, he was a Financial Investigator with four NSW special agencies, which included the Independent Commission Against Corruption; Royal Commission into the NSW Building Industry; Building Industry Task Force and the Royal Commission into the NSW Police Service, where he established the Financial Investigation unit. Prior to that Brett had ten years experience as a Financial and Management Accountant with BHP Co Ltd.

Brett has a Bachelor of Commerce (UNSW); a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia and in 2002 was conferred with a Master of Business Administration (Exec) from the Australian Graduate School of Management.



■ **Quentin Dempster**

Quentin is a journalist, author and broadcaster with extensive experience in television (18 years) and print media (15 years).

From 2001 Quentin has worked full-time for Stateline New South Wales in its new timeslot of 7.30pm Fridays – repeated at noon on Saturdays. He was appointed Queensland presenter of The 7.30 Report in late 1987 and wrote and produced for the national network daily re-enactments and analysis of evidence before the Fitzgerald inquiry into police corruption.

In 1990 Quentin moved to Sydney to present The 7.30 Report in New South Wales. In 1995 he headed a national investigative unit for The 7.30 Report and exposed unsafe practices in offshore petroleum operations, a fuel spill at the BHP Manganese Groote Eylandt facility, the Moura mine disaster, and the use of tax havens by major Australian corporations. From 1996 – 2000 he was a state and national correspondent for the Australia-wide edition of The 7.30 Report as well as presenting Stateline in New South Wales in the 6.00pm Friday timeslot.

Quentin is the author of several books: ‘Honest Cops’ (1992 ABC Books), case histories and analysis of system failure surrounding Australians who have stood up against corruption and suffered the consequences; ‘Whistleblowers’ (1997 ABC Books) on people with the courage to put the truth first and ‘Death Struggle’ (2000 Allen and Unwin) about the battle for public broadcasting in Australia.

On Australia Day 1992 Quentin was awarded the Order of Australia for services to the media, ‘particularly in the fields of journalism and current affairs’.

■ **Greg Chilvers**

Greg is the Director of the Research and Resource Centre, Police Association of New South Wales. He began working with the Association in 1998 as a legal officer. He completed his Masters at the University of Sydney in the labour law and industrial relations field. Prior to entering law Greg was a teacher in the Sydney Catholic school system.

Greg established the Research and Resource Centre in 1993. The Centre has focused on proactive research in reform, change management and professionalism and has gained a reputation among police unions in this area. During the Wood Royal Commission, Greg managed the Association's response and was the public face of the Police Association. Greg has been involved in many of the post-Wood reform projects and for a time sponsored a key project at the request of Commissioner Peter Ryan. He is currently involved in a number of projects with; inter alia, the Police Service, The NSW Ombudsman, Charles Sturt University and the Australian National University.

Greg is also a charter member of the Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation Australia and a past president of the Australasian Critical Incident Stress Association (NSW). He has written extensively on stress in the emergency services, particularly policing, and is a regular speaker on the topic. Greg is also a member of the Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics and the Australian Institute of Training and Development.



■ **Brian Martin**

Dr Brian Martin is an Associate Professor in Science, Technology and Society at the University of Wollongong. He has previously had positions as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Science, Technology & Society, University of Wollongong and was the Head of program in 1998-1999.

Prior to joining the University of Wollongong, Brian was a Research Assistant, Applied Mathematics at the Australian National University.

Brian is the Co-organiser of Dissent Network Australia and International Director of Whistleblowers Australia. He is also the author of over 150 major papers and chapters as well as a number of books. Brian has a PhD (theoretical physics), University of Sydney, MSc (Physics), University of Sydney, BA (Physics), Rice University.

■ **David Landa**

David Landa was the NSW Ombudsman from 1988 to 1995 and the Chief Magistrate for NSW from 1997 to 1999.

He has served as a member of The Judicial Commission and also a Board Member of The Casino Control Authority.

During the lead up to the Olympics he was appointed to investigate and report on Olympic ticketing refund and to act as Adjudicator.

Prior to these public appointments, David Landa was a Solicitor and Senior Partner in his own practice. He has been an Alderman and Mayor of Hunters Hill Council from 1974 to 1979. He has served on the boards of Austcare; Indo-China Refugee Association and The Australian Chamber Orchestra.

David is currently a consultant and is associated with Transparency International Australia and The Edmund Rice Business Ethics Centre. He was the initiator of this conference.