

# Australia's public integrity institutions: Strengths, weaknesses, options

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4 NATIONAL CIRCUIT, BARTON A.C.T. – 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

## Program

8.45 am Coffee available

**9.00 am** **Welcome – Peter Moore**, Interim Chair, Transparency International Australia  
Official Opening – **Chris Moraitis PSM**, Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department

9.15 am The courts and integrity bodies: constitutional conundrums  
**Hon Tom Bathurst AC** – Chief Justice of New South Wales

9.35 am Staying ahead or slipping behind? strategic issues for the nation's public integrity frameworks  
**Professor Janet Ransley** – Griffith Criminology Institute

9.55 am A National Integrity Commission: Options for Australia  
**Professor A J Brown** – Griffith University & Transparency International

10.15 am Questions & discussion

10.30 am Morning tea

**11.00 am** **A National Integrity Commission: Options for Australia** (continued)  
Chair: **Rodney Walsh**, Chief Operating Officer, Commonwealth Ombudsman

- **Professor John McMillan AO** – former Commonwealth Ombudsman, Australian Information Commissioner, Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner, NSW Ombudsman
- **Morry Bailes** – President, Law Council of Australia
- **Serena Lillywhite** – CEO, Transparency International Australia

11.45 am Questions & discussion

12.15 pm Lunch

### **1.00 pm** Integrity Institutions and Parliaments

Chair: **Richard Bingham**, Chief Executive, Integrity Commission, Tasmania

- Strengthening integrity assurance for parliament and politics  
**Assoc Prof the Hon Ken Coghill** – Monash University; Open Government Partnership Forum; Accountability Round Table; former Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Victoria
- Ensuring parliamentary and public accountability for integrity bodies  
**Karen Carmody** – Parliamentary Crime & Corruption Commissioner, Queensland

1.40 pm Questions & discussion

2.30 pm Afternoon tea

### **3.00 pm** Integrity Institutions, the Public and Each Other

Chair: **Dr Nikola Stepanov**, Integrity Commissioner, Queensland

- Defining, investigating and prosecuting corruption: is there a best practice model?  
**Hon Stephen Charles AO QC** – former Justice, Supreme Court of Victoria; Member, Accountability Round Table and The Australia Institute's National Integrity Committee
- Public integrity as a whole: when can/should integrity bodies cooperate?  
**Chris Wheeler** – Deputy Ombudsman, New South Wales

3.40 pm Questions & discussion

### **4.30 pm** Priorities for reform

**Professor Adam Graycar AM** – School of Social Sciences, Flinders University  
**Serena Lillywhite** – CEO, Transparency International Australia  
**Professor A J Brown** – Griffith University & Transparency International

5.00 pm Thanks and Close