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**Open Government Forum**

Expression of interest by **Adjunct Professor the Hon Dr Kenneth Alastair Coghill<sup>1</sup>**

**Motivations for joining**

I wish to contribute my practical experience, long-standing research and strong advocacy of the principles in underpinning OGP's vision and the Open Government Declaration to furthering the objectives of the Open Government Partnership.

**Selection criteria**

My support of OGP's vision and the Open Government Declaration is demonstrated by my research and teaching of these principles in governance (since 1996), leading roles in the Accountability Round Table (ART) and the Australian Open Government Partnership Network (AOGPN), and an active role as a member of first the Interim Working Group (IWG) and then the Open Government Forum.

My expertise includes experience in implementing integrity in governance such as corruption control, reforming political funding and reform of the electoral system. Currently, I conduct research into governance, most recently ethical competence of MPs, and have developed the Integrated Governance framework – a systems approach which explains the role of transparency in facilitating relationships between government, business and civil society actors and consequently its key role national governance. I developed benchmark codes of conduct for parliamentarians for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. My research is recognised internationally and I have a large global network of contacts amongst public management and political science scholars and practitioners.

My ability to engage broad and diverse community networks arises from wide-ranging relevant experience and expertise as a Member of Parliament (Victoria), a local government councillor (Wodonga), a public servant (Victoria), an academic researcher and teacher (Monash University and Swinburne University), a founder of ART and Chair of AOGPN.

My rural background and veterinary work (Department of Agriculture Vic.) gives me particular sensitivity to communities outside the major capital cities and to the roles of states, territories and local government. As Parliamentary Secretary responsible for Aboriginal Affairs (1982-85), I developed relationships with a range of Aboriginal leaders. I have participated in and chaired organisations ranging from small research teams and political party policy committees to Speaker in the Victorian Parliament.

This previous experience has involved working with and influencing governments. I maintain good relations with senior figures across the major political parties.

My prior membership of the Forum would facilitate continuity in its work.

If re-appointed, I commit to applying my experience, expertise and knowledge to implementation of Australia's first and second National Action Plans and co-creation of our third National Action Plan.

I aim to use a further term as Forum member to encourage and facilitate Parliament's engagement in Legislative Openness, including through my membership of the OGP Legislative Openness Working Group (LOWG).

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