



**Law Council**  
OF AUSTRALIA

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Dear Open Government Partnership Australia

**Expression of interest for the Open Government Forum**

I wish to express my interest in being appointed to the Open Government Forum (**OGF**). My nomination is endorsed by the Law Council of Australia, where I occupy the role of Treasurer.

I am currently a partner of Herbert Smith Freehills (**HSF**), one of the world's leading law firms. I joined HSF in 1983 and became a partner in 1989. I am admitted to legal practice in Australia and in England and Wales. I am married with four adult children, and enjoy gardening and the arts.

I believe I can make a sound contribution to the work of the OGF and am a strong supporter of the Forum's goal of promoting transparency, accountability and public engagement with Government across Australia.

As a lawyer with a focus on corporate governance, commercial disputes and dispute resolution, I am acutely aware of the importance of good governance and the role of communication and collaboration in positive working relationships. Whether in the commercial or government context, the promotion of principles such as transparency and accountability improves the quality of governance and ultimately leads to better outcomes for all.

I note my professional experience across the corporate sector and civil society provides expertise relevant to the Open Government Partnership and its future development both domestically and internationally. This includes not only my day-to-day legal practice, but also previous roles such as the President of the Law Society of Western Australia (2014) and a member of the Western Australian Government's Literacy and Numeracy Review Taskforce (2007) which undertook a comprehensive review of literacy and numeracy and what could be done to improve the skills of students struggling with even the most basic literacy and numeracy tasks.

Further, as the principal legal adviser to the Commission on Government (1995), I assisted in the review of the constitution of Western Australia and all aspects of the operation of government relating to parliamentary and electoral matters, statutory officials, public administration and the prevention of corrupt, illegal or improper conduct by public officials.

Finally, as a member of the Executive of the Law Council of Australia, I am routinely engaged in policy dialogue on issues affecting the Australian legal profession on a national and international scale. With a primary focus on the promotion of the rule of law, the Law Council shares many of the same core principles and values as the OGF and has a vested interest in improving laws and promoting better decision-making.

As an experienced professional with a demonstrated ability to engage broad and diverse corporate and community networks, I believe I am able to make a valuable contribution to the OGF and assist in furthering its mission and strategy, together with advancing Australia's commitment to the Open Government Declaration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

**Konrad de Kerloy**  
Treasurer, Law Council of Australia

