

**Demonstrated support of Open Government Partnerships (OGP's) Mission and Strategy and the Open Government Declaration**

Throughout my 25 years of working as a public servant at both state and federal level, I have personally experienced the benefits to organisations and the stakeholders that the organisations service, of an open and transparent governance style. I have also experienced the detrimental outcomes that permeate through to all stakeholders when a discreet culture exists. My knowledge and the lens of my experience in this specific field has been greatly complemented and magnified through studies I have completed, specifically in organisational psychology and related subjects when I completed a Master of Business Administration degree and a Psychology degree with Honours. Having assessed both the OGP's Mission and Strategy position and the Open Government Declaration, I am thrilled from both a professional and personal point of view that an organisation has a formalised high level process, through National Action Plans, that is focused with a commitment to enhance transparency in government. I am intrinsically engaged with and motivated to contribute to any process, particularly at a high-level capacity, that will ensure greater transparency in governments. To evidence my intrinsic motivation and dedication to this cause, I have knowledge of a cover-up of systemic corruption within several commonwealth government agencies and a high suspicion of political corruption, within the same matter, which I have been pursuing for a number of years (Please see <https://change.org/p/an-independent-enquiry-into-commonwealth-government-and-political-corruption-in-australia>). I relish the chance to meaningfully contribute to the founding principles of the OGP as these principles are commensurate with my own personal and professional principles.

**Expertise relevant to the Open Government Partnership, including existing or probable future Australian Open Government commitments**

I was a Queensland Police officer for 18 years and as such I have a background in criminal investigations, writing briefs of evidence, representing an organisation at forums, formulating and developing strategic whole-of Service policy, writing executive Briefing Notes to senior management and Ministerial Briefing Notes to relevant Ministers and a range of other high-level skills. I have developed and written business plans and a 10,000 word thesis regarding a scientific experiment. Through-out my working life, the main skill that I have developed is the ability to be objective and to think critically. I have also had the unfortunate experience to understand the catalyst and drivers of corruption within large government organisations. I also have a very good understanding of how corruption is allowed to persist and what avenues could be employed to circumvent corruption within government agencies.

**Demonstrated ability to engage broad and diverse community networks**

During my varied career I have engaged with a variety of internal and external stakeholders at both state and federal level from prisoners within a Correctional Centre to heads of government agencies and Members of Parliament. This engagement has been made in both oral and written form. Correctly pitching to the audience, regardless of which form the engagement takes, is key to a successful connection with any person, group or organisation. I have demonstrated that I am not only able to identify the "type" of the audience, but their issues and concerns in a very short amount of time. In this respect, due to my experience in dealing with so many varied groups in society, I am extremely comfortable in engaging with different and diverse groups of people.

**Previous experience working with and influencing government**

I have extensive experience working with and within government at a variety of levels, from the level of the "doer" when I was young, and my career was fledgling, through to a variety of levels that involve experience in working with and engaging senior management. I have travelled through every road and path possible and available to any person to influence government to recognise systemic corruption within their own ranks. From a hands-on point of view, I have exhausted all avenues available in respect of reporting and investigating corruption and I have a reasonable working knowledge of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* and other Acts and policies that relate to corruption in the Australian government and attempting to influence a government of their noncompliance of these laws and policies.

**The desirability of maintaining some continuity between successive Forums, balanced with the desirability of reaching new communities and reflecting emerging open government priorities**

I have extensive experience in multi-skilling at all levels of my career. Multi-skilling is not about managing several different projects at once; it is about compartmentalising multiple priorities to the extent that one can give each priority the right amount of time and input, whilst cognisant of each other priority at hand and in the future. This results in continuity between different priorities and creates a reasonable balance between each competing priority.