

# Speaker Preview

## AUSTRALIAN REGULATORY SUMMIT 2025



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Regional Head, Oceania  
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General Manager,  
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+ more to come

# Agenda Overview

## Morning Sessions

## AUSTRALIAN REGULATORY SUMMIT 2025

8:00am - 8:45am

Registration & Exhibition Open

8:45am - 8:55am

Opening Remarks

8:55am - 9:05am

Principal Partner Welcome



9:05am - 9:35am

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Facilitated networking round-robin

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Platinum Partner - special address



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Ransomware Risk Dilemmas: To Pay or Not to Pay?

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Keynote: The state of financial crime, terrorism financing, and cross-border challenges

11:55am

Navigating the New Era: Mastering Australian Merger Reform for Business Success

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Compliance and Cyber Risk Strategies: Ensuring Security in Critical Sectors

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Debanking Dynamics: Regulatory Insights and Ethical Considerations in Australia

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Local and Global Regulatory Turmoil - Navigating ESG, Climate Reporting & DEI Challenges in a Conflicting Compliance Landscape

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**MC Close and Prize Draw**

Please read on below for session information,  
descriptions and speakers

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## Session Descriptions

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As digital technologies reshape markets, services, and consumer expectations, regulators face the challenge of enabling innovation while upholding legal certainty, fairness, and accountability. This panel will explore how Australia can craft regulatory frameworks that are not only adaptive and innovation-friendly but also grounded in sound legal principles.

Bringing together legal experts and industry leaders, the discussion will examine the evolving role of law in governing data use, platform accountability, AI deployment, and cross-border digital trade. The panel will also consider how legal frameworks can support regulatory agility, ensure proportionality in enforcement, and align with international standards.

Key Takeaways for Delegates:

- A legal perspective on the risks and responsibilities emerging in the digital economy.
- Insights into how regulation can be designed to be both innovation-enabling and legally robust.
- Examples of legal mechanisms that support transparency, due process, and rights protection in digital markets.
- Strategies for engaging with regulators and legal advisors to shape compliant and future-ready digital initiatives.
- A clearer understanding of how Australia's legal and regulatory landscape is evolving in response to global digital trends



**John Gray**  
Partner, Tech expert  
Hall & Wilcox



**Rebecca Waddell**  
Head of Legal for Australia &  
New Zealand  
Tiktok

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## 11:20am - 11:50am Ransomware Risk Dilemmas: To Pay or Not to Pay?

With Australia's new mandatory reporting laws now in effect, businesses earning over \$3M must report any ransom payments made in response to cyber extortion. This regulation raises critical questions: Does paying a ransom encourage further attacks? What are the legal and ethical implications? How can businesses protect themselves from ransomware threats?

When a ransomware attack strikes, leaders face a high-stakes decision with no easy answers. Paying the ransom might mean restoring critical operations quickly, but it also raises concerns about fueling criminal enterprises and inviting future attacks. Compliance, legal liability, reputational risk, and the potential for financial penalties must all be weighed carefully. Meanwhile, refusing to pay could lead to prolonged disruptions, data exposure, and operational setbacks.

This discussion is essential for any leader looking to navigate ransomware threats with confidence, making informed decisions that balance risk, responsibility, and business continuity.



**Shameela Gonzalez GAICD**  
Executive Director -  
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**Sharif Abuadbbba, PhD**  
Team Leader of Distributed  
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Cybersecurity, CSIRO's Data61

## 11:55am - 12:25am Navigating the New Era: Mastering Australian Merger Reform for Business Success

This session on the Australian Merger Reform is designed specifically for business leaders who may not have a legal background but need to understand the significant changes and their implications. This session will break down the complexities of the new merger control system into clear, actionable insights that are crucial for strategic decision-making.

What You Will Hear:

1. Introduction to the Reform: The session will include an overview of the Australian Merger Reform, explaining the key changes in the merger approval process and the rationale behind these reforms. You'll learn about the new mandatory and suspensory administrative system that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will administer starting January 1, 2026.
2. Impact on Business Operations: The presentation will delve into how these changes will affect your business operations. You'll gain insights into how the reform aims to create a more competitive economy by preventing anti-competitive mergers, which in turn can lead to better productivity, lower prices, and more choices for consumers.
3. Practical Guidance: The session will provide practical guidance on what to look for in transaction agreements under the new regime. This includes understanding regulatory compliance, conducting thorough due diligence, and addressing risk allocation and termination clauses in your agreements.

Why This Session is Important:

- Strategic Planning: As a business leader, understanding the new merger control landscape is essential for strategic planning and ensuring your transactions are compliant with the new regulations.
- Risk Management: The session will equip you with the knowledge to identify and mitigate risks associated with mergers and acquisitions, helping you make informed decisions.
- Competitive Advantage: By staying ahead of regulatory changes, you can position your business to take advantage of new opportunities and avoid potential pitfalls.

Attending this session will provide you with the tools and insights needed to navigate the new merger control system effectively, ensuring your business remains competitive and compliant in the evolving regulatory environment



**Ben Hamilton**  
Partner,  
Hall & Wilcox



**Steve Johns**  
Partner,  
Hall & Wilcox

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## 11:55am - 12:25pm Debanking Dynamics: Regulatory Insights and Ethical Considerations in Australia

This session will explore the complex landscape of debanking, examining its causes, the regulatory framework, and the implications for both financial institutions and affected customers. The discussion will aim to provide insights into managing risks while ensuring fair and ethical treatment of all parties.

In this session, panellists will:

- Examine the regulatory environment governing debanking in Australia and compare it with global practices.
- Analyse the impact of debanking on businesses and individuals, highlighting practical consequences.
- Discuss strategies for balancing rigorous compliance with fairness in customer treatment.
- Share ideas for potential reforms and innovative approaches to improve debanking policies and practices.
- Explore the intersection of debanking and crypto, including the challenges and opportunities for crypto-related businesses and customers.



**Megan Styles**  
Barrister, Victorian Bar

+ more speakers to be announced



## 11:55am - 12:25pm Compliance and Cyber Risk Strategies: Ensuring Security in Critical Sectors

Amidst warnings from security experts about increasing threats to critical infrastructure, this session focuses on the evolving cyber risks and compliance updates relevant to sectors such as banking and telecommunications. We will delve into AI-driven scams, analyze the global cybercrime landscape, and discuss significant legislative reforms. Special attention will be given to the persistent threats and vulnerabilities faced by critical infrastructure systems, as highlighted by recent alarming reports and expert analyses.

### Key talking points

- **Global Cybercrime Dynamics:** Explore sophisticated scams and the broader landscape of global cybercrime, with a focus on its impact on critical infrastructure and essential service industries.
- **ASIO Warning and Implications:** Discuss the recent warning from ASIO about the routine mapping of Australian critical infrastructure and the predicted rise in high-impact sabotage threats.
- **Critical Infrastructure Security Act and Compliance Updates:** Review the implications of the Critical Infrastructure Security Act, the new Security of Critical Infrastructure (SoCI) Act amendments, and other legislative updates.
- **Case Study on Superannuation Hacks and Credential Stuffing:** Analyze the credential stuffing technique used in superannuation hacks, discussing preventive measures and lessons learned.
- **Impact of Cyberattacks on Utilities:** Examine the findings from a recent Semperis report detailing cyberattacks on water and electricity operators in the U.S. and UK, and discuss their implications for Australian utilities.



**Dusk Lim**

Head of Specialists Sales, APAC,  
Diligent

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## 12:30pm - 1:00pm Local and Global Regulatory Turmoil - Navigating ESG, Climate reporting & DEI challenges in a conflicting compliance landscape

This session will shed light on the complex interplay between conflicting jurisdictional compliance and regulatory challenges, especially with the recent shifts in the US regulatory environment and its impact on ESG, climate reporting, and DE&I standards. The session will also delve into local compliance conflicts, such as Best Interest Duty (BID) versus ESG and sustainable finance, providing a comprehensive view of the challenges faced.

### Key discussion points:

- Examination of regulatory frameworks affecting ESG and DEI initiatives globally.
- Compatibility of ESG commitments with directors' duties and corporate governance implications.
- Identification of compliance conflicts across jurisdictions, including anti-ESG movements.
- Strategies for harmonizing conflicting regulations and local mandates like Best Interest Duty (BID) with broader ESG goals.

This session aims to provide professionals with the tools necessary to communicate and implement these regulations within their organizations successfully.



**Kar Mei Tang PhD**

Regional Head, Oceania and  
Asia, PRI (UN Principals of  
Responsible Investment)



**Michael Delaney**

Head of People and Culture -  
Preezie; Head of Equality,  
Diversity and Inclusion - Jobs  
for Humanity

+ Speakers to be announced

## 12:30pm - 1:00pm Digital deception - Fighting Fraud and Scams across the globe

This session will explore the most recent trends in scams while showcasing innovative strategies and advancements in fraud prevention. Through various case studies and discussions on significant national and global initiatives, you will acquire valuable insights into effective measures and collaborative efforts designed to combat these harmful activities.

### Key discussion points:

- Examination of global and local trends in scams and fraud affecting both businesses and consumers, along with state-of-the-art prevention techniques
- Updates on National Digital ID progress and its practical applications
- Overview of enhanced verification security features available for businesses, including video identity verification and biometric checks
- National and international priorities in the ongoing battle against fraud and scams
- Innovations in payments, verification, and advanced security features
- Real-world case studies showcasing successful, market-leading prevention solutions



**Chris Taylor**

Chief of Policy,  
Australian Banking  
Association (ABA)



**John Arnott**

Director Small Business &  
Personal Banking,  
AMP



**Samuel Stuart**

Director, Security  
Solutions, Australasia,  
Mastercard

## 1:15pm - 2:15pm Lunch & networking in expo

### 2:15pm - 2:45pm Bridging the Cyber Trust Gap: What executives think vs. What consumers expect

In an era of escalating cyber threats, trust is the currency of resilience. This session unveils the findings of a joint research initiative by Hall & Wilcox and Porter Novelli, to see if there are any gaps between the expectations of consumers and the views of business leaders on what their obligations and priorities should be during a cyber incident. Drawing on fresh data from dual surveys of Australian consumers and business leaders, the session will explore:

- Where executive perceptions diverge from public expectations
- The reputational risks of misaligned crisis communication
- Practical strategies for boards and leadership teams to build trust before, during, and after a breach

Attendees will gain actionable insights to inform their cyber governance frameworks and stakeholder engagement strategies.



**Eden Winokur**  
Partner, Head of Cyber,  
Hall & Wilcox



**Rhys Ryan**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Porter Novelli Australia

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**Lauren Clancy**  
Client Partner - Technology & Cyber  
Lead, Porter Novelli Australia

### 2:15pm - 2:45pm The Role of Financial Institutions in Preventing Financial Abuse and Extortion

In this session, our panel will discuss how financial institutions can proactively prevent and detect financial abuse and extortion, and develop effective strategies to identify and report suspicious activity, particularly in cases of elder abuse, domestic violence, cyber crime, and human trafficking.

You will learn how to:

- Identify key risk factors, trends and red flags to prevent financial abuse and extortion.
- Implement robust KYC and transaction monitoring systems to detect and prevent suspicious activity
- Educate customers on how to protect themselves from financial abuse and extortion
- Collaborate effectively with law enforcement to investigate and prosecute cases of financial abuse
- Make a meaningful impact in the fight against financial crime.



**Caitlin Davies**  
Head of Workforce and  
Sector Development,  
No To Violence



**Tiffany Lewin GAICD**  
Head of Vulnerability  
Strategy & Governance,  
Westpac



**Ciara Sterling**  
CEO,  
Thriving Communities



## 2:50pm - 3:20pm The Billion-Dollar 'Positive Duty' Blind Spot – Psychosocial Risk, Personal Liability, and the Governance Wake-Up Call

In today's high-stakes regulatory environment, misunderstanding Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) and positive duty obligations can cost businesses dearly—financially, reputationally, and legally. This powerful session, led by renowned expert Dr. Rebecca Michalak, will cut through the confusion and debunk persistent myths that put organizations, Officers, and workers at risk.

In contrast to the so-called 'new' positive duty and far from being optional, WHS primary duty of care obligations relating to psychosocial risk have long been foundational to effective corporate governance. Dr. Michalak will reveal how overlooking these responsibilities can expose businesses, directors and senior leaders to serious consequences—including personal liability.

Key takeaways:

- **The True Cost of Non-Compliance:** Discover how failing to meet WHS and positive duty obligations can lead to massive financial losses, shareholder activism, and reputational damage.
- **Personal Accountability:** Understand the growing legal exposure for directors, executives, and advisors—including the risk of individual-level prosecution.
- **The Real History of WHS:** Learn why these obligations are not new, but deeply embedded in decades of business governance.
- **Lessons from the Frontlines:** Explore real-world case studies of companies that faced severe fallout from neglecting psychosocial risks.
- **Boardroom Imperatives:** See why WHS is no longer just a compliance issue—it's a strategic governance priority with capacity to value-add; not just cost-save.



**Dr Rebecca Michalak**

Managing Director, Psychological Risk Expert,  
PyschSafe

## 2:50pm - 3:20pm Navigating the Murky Waters: Effective Governance in the Age of AI

Two years after the widespread adoption of AI in Australia, the spotlight is on the uncharted ethical considerations and the importance of good governance. The headlines have been dominated by issues such as AI surveillance, AI deepfake phishing, and misleading health information. This session will explore the real implications of inadequate AI governance on businesses, focusing on risk mitigation and the promotion of ethical and safe technology adoption.

Key talking points

- **Emerging Tech Risk Case Studies:** Examine real-world scenarios where companies have faced significant challenges due to inadequate governance in AI applications, particularly in areas like Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) and AI in employment.
- **AI in Employment and Ethics:** Discuss the legal and ethical risks of using AI in hiring processes, emphasizing how unintentional discriminatory outcomes can arise and the importance of accountability.
- **AI Safety Standards and High-Risk Settings:** Review the current voluntary AI safety standards and explore the draft mandatory guardrails for AI use in high-risk settings, discussing their implications and necessity.
- **Global AI Governance Trends and Good Governance Practices:** Compare international approaches to AI governance and outline effective governance practices, focusing on transparency, accountability, and ethical deployment.



**Adam Bailey**

General Manager, Product  
Management,  
Diligent



**Donna Forlin**

AI Governance Expert,  
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**Fernando Mourão**

Head of Responsible AI,  
SEEK



MODERATOR

**Lindsay Walker**

Assistant General Counsel,  
Diligent



## 2:50pm - 3:20pm The Countdown to Compliance: Mastering AML/CTF Tranche 2 with Local and Global Insights

The countdown is on! With just one year left until Tranche 2 obligations take effect, are your compliance affairs in order? This session offers a unique opportunity to hear firsthand from sectors already under regulation. Learn about their robust compliance strategies and the valuable lessons they've learned.

Set for finalization this July, you will also receive crucial updates on the new AML/CTF Rules that impact entities currently under the regulatory scope of AUSTRAC. Additionally, discover what professional services sectors poised to be affected can expect in the upcoming year.

### Key takeaways:

- Learn why AML/CTF regulations are extending to include real estate, lawyers, accountants, and conveyancers, and how this will impact your business operations.
- Gain insights into international AML/CTF regimes, learning from the adaptations and implementations that have occurred globally, helping you to benchmark and strategize effectively.
- Discover robust compliance strategies that have been implemented in sectors already under regulation. Hear firsthand lessons learned from these experiences to enhance your own compliance practices.
- Explore significant updates including the latest FATF guidance, changes to the "tipping off" offence, and the implications of repealing the Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988.

Equip yourself with the knowledge and strategies to navigate the evolving AML/CTF regulations effectively. Join us to ensure your readiness for the Tranche 2 obligations.



**Katie Miller**  
Deputy CEO, Regulation  
AUSTRAC



**Timothy Goodrick**  
Partner, Forensic  
KPMG Australia



**Daniel Rule**  
General Manager, Regulatory  
& Compliance  
Endeavour Group

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## 4:25pm - 5:10pm Regulator Panel - Geopolitics and the Evolving Risk Landscape

In our highly anticipated session, leading industry regulators will convene to examine the profound impacts of recent geopolitical events on regulatory frameworks both globally and domestically. As the international landscape shifts due to trade conflicts, alliances, and regional disputes, understanding the resulting changes in regulation is imperative. This discussion will highlight the strategic adaptations and innovative approaches regulators are implementing to effectively navigate these complexities, thereby ensuring stability and compliance across various sectors.

### Key takeaways:

- Understand how geopolitical shifts are reshaping both international and local regulatory frameworks.
- Assess emerging risks, including cyber threats and supply chain vulnerabilities arising from geopolitical tensions.
- Explore the adaptive strategies regulators are employing, such as cross-border collaboration and technological integration.
- Gain insights into future regulatory challenges and the critical need for continuous innovation and flexibility in regulatory practices.



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General Manager, System Risk,  
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**Dr Ben Gauntlett**  
National Anti-Corruption  
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**Calissa Aldridge**  
Executive Director, Markets,  
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## 5:15pm - 5:25pm MC Close

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## **ADRIAN VERDNIK**

Partner,  
Hall & Wilcox

Adrian is the section leader of the firm's national Banking and Financial Services practice. Adrian's financial services law practice covers superannuation, managed funds, insurance, and financial advice. His work includes both advisory and transactional services. He works for a variety of participants in the financial services industry, including issuers, investment professionals, and service providers. Adrian is a recommended lawyer for financial services regulatory in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022. Adrian has been recognised in The Best Lawyers in Australia in Funds Management every year since 2020.



## **BEN HAMILTON**

Partner, Tech Co-Lead,  
Hall & Wilcox

Ben has a range of experience in intellectual property, technology, and commercial matters. He specialises in technology and commercial contracts, branding and product labelling advice, advertising and marketing law, trade mark matters, intellectual property commercialisation, copyright advice, disputes and licensing, and competition and consumer law matters. Ben has also advised and assisted clients in drafting and negotiating procurement, technology and other commercial contracts, asserting and defending substantial copyright and trade mark infringement claims, implementing a national trade mark certification scheme, drafting agreements relating to the commercialisation of new plant varieties and patented technology.



## **BEN GAUNTLETT**

Deputy Commissioner,  
NACC

As a National Anti-Corruption Deputy Commissioner, Ben assists the Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission to detect, investigate, report upon, and educate about corrupt conduct involving Commonwealth public officials. Prior to commencing as Deputy Commissioner at the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Ben was the Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission.



## **CALISSA ALDRIDGE**

Executive Director, Markets,  
ASIC

Calissa leads ASIC's Markets Group, which manages the end-to-end process for regulating markets. This includes supervision, investigation and enforcement for market infrastructure, market intermediaries, corporate finance activities and trading on exchange and over-the-counter markets. Since 2009, Calissa has had senior leadership roles at ASIC in Market Supervision and Market Infrastructure. Before joining ASIC, she held roles at the Royal Bank of Scotland in London, the UK Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority), Markit, and the Australian Treasury. She has more than 20 years of specialist markets experience and holds a Bachelor of Psychology (Economics) and a PostGradDip in applied finance.

# **SPEAKERS**



### CAITLIN DAVIES

Head of Workforce and Sector  
Development,  
No To Violence

A passionate gender equity and family violence advocate and specialist, Caitlin has worked in various roles in a consulting and leadership capacity, including human resources, organisational development, stakeholder engagement, learning and development, recruitment, leadership development, communication, media relations and change management. Her experience spans many industries and sectors including healthcare, human services, professional services, retail, publishing, government, finance and banking, in both for profit and non-profit organisations.



### CHRIS TAYLOR

Chief Of Policy,  
Australian Banking Association

Chris Taylor is Chief of Policy at the Australian Banking Association (ABA), and former General Counsel to the Prime Minister of Australia. At the ABA, Chris is responsible for developing policy strategy for Australia's banking industry, focused on delivering innovative, equitable and prosperous outcomes for Australia's banking industry and its customers. With over 20 years of experience, his career includes roles as a corporate lawyer in top-tier firms in Australia and the US, specialising in private equity, mergers, financial regulation and infrastructure. He has also held key commercial and General Counsel positions in both public and private sectors.



### EDEN WINOKUR

Partner, Head of Cyber,  
Hall & Wilcox

Eden specialises in advising on the full spectrum of cyber risk. Eden provides pre-incident and post-incident cyber advisory services to executives, boards and key individuals from organisations, including large ASX-listed companies, corporates, SMEs, insureds and insurers. Eden also specialises in advising on disputes.



### JOHN ARNOTT

Director Small Business &  
Personal Banking, AMP

John is a seasoned marketing and customer experience leader with a proven track record of driving transformation and growth across both B2C and B2B environments. Throughout his career, he has successfully developed and executed marketing, customer experience, and product strategies that harness the power of insights, talented teams, cutting-edge technology, and strategic partnerships. Notably, John was recognized as CMO of the Year in 2015 for his pivotal role in leading the customer transformation at ING. His accomplishments also include doubling the size of the Financial Services and Real Estate verticals during his tenure as Industry Head at Meta.

# SPEAKERS



## JOHN GRAY

Partner,  
Hall & Wilcox

John is a senior corporate and commercial lawyer who has specialised in technology and intellectual property law for 30 years. John advises clients on commercial transactions and legal disputes in the fields of IT, telecommunications and media. His expertise covers all the legal issues associated with the use of technology in business and government, including licensing, privacy and data protection, copyright, branding and e-payments. Known for his hands-on and pragmatic approach, and his ability to find solutions to legal and commercial issues, John is a seasoned practitioner in the IT market and often acts for governments and financial institutions in relation to major IT projects.



## LAUREN CLANCY

Client Partner - Technology &  
Cyber Lead,  
Porter Novelli Australia

Lauren is the Client Partner, Technology & Cyber, at Porter Novelli. She has more than a decade's experience advising technology and corporate organisations across Australia and the UK, from start-ups to major global brands. She has focused her career on reputation management programs, which now includes a specialisation in data breaches and cyber incidents since changes to the Australian Privacy Act in 2018. Lauren has advised some of Australia's leading companies in cyber incident preparation and response, working alongside trusted legal and insurance partners to protect a brand's reputation in the eyes of all stakeholders.



## MARION KOHLER

General Manager, System Risk,  
APRA

As APRA's General Manager System Risk, Marion oversees a range of APRA activities with a financial system risk focus, including geopolitical risk and system risk stress testing. She joined APRA in July 2024 on secondment from the Reserve Bank of Australia where she held a number of senior roles, including as acting Assistant Governor Economic, Head of Economic Analysis and Head of Domestic Markets. She also spent several years at the Bank of International Settlements in Basel and at the Bank of England. Marion holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.



## MEGAN STYLES

Barrister,  
Victorian Bar

Megan accepts briefs in a broad range of matters. She has a particular interest in matters involving asset tracing, proceeds of crime/asset confiscation, financial crime investigations, AML/CTF legislation, disclosure issues, law enforcement, bankruptcy and insolvency law and mortgage disputes. Megan regularly advises and appears in matters involving state and federal agencies, corporations, law enforcement bodies and financial institutions, in a variety of courts and tribunals.

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**DR. REBECCA  
MICHALAK**

Managing Director, Psychological  
Risk Expert, PyschSafe

Combining a uniquely transdisciplinary background with 25+ years experience in senior management, human resources, and consulting roles in the private, public, and NFP sectors, Dr Becs drives a transformative business risk and ESG agenda to (re-)create b.a.u. As PsychSafe's founder, a big picture thinker, and wicked problem solver, her specialist expertise lies prosecution risk profiling, psychosocial risk assessment and comparative benchmarking, psychological health and safety culture maturity assessment, psychological safety, and work (re-)design.



**RHYS RYAN**

Chief Executive Officer,  
Porter Novelli Australia

Rhys is Porter Novelli's Chief Executive Officer. He leads the firm's work in helping organisations protect their reputations drawing on 25 years' experience in media and communications. Following an early stint as a broadcast journalist, Rhys has focused on corporate positioning, reputation and crisis, working on more than 200 client engagements in Australia and the United States. In recent years, Rhys has led a specialist team within Porter Novelli in crisis and cyber response, working across more than 100 high-profile and sensitive matters, which has resulted in the firm becoming the preferred partner for Australia's leading cyber insurers and specialist law firms



**SAMUEL STUART**

Director, Security Solutions,  
Australasia,  
Mastercard

Sam has over 20 years of experience in consulting, payments, product management, and business development across the world. His expertise spans product commercialisation, go-to-market strategy, and the development of innovative solutions that drive business growth and enhance security. He joined Mastercard in April 2019 from PwC. At Mastercard, Sam focuses on securing transactions and embedding trust across every interaction. He leads scam prevention and cybersecurity product capabilities across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, working closely with organisations to prevent fraud and scams while reducing friction for trusted customers.



**SHAMEELA  
GONZALEZ GAICO**

Executive Director - Financial  
Services Lead, CyberCX

The financial services and insurance lead for CyberCX with twelve years of industry experience, Shameela has provided strategic advice to senior security leaders in one of Australia's largest banking institutions. Prior to joining CyberCX, Shameela worked at Commonwealth Bank across a variety of technology roles and more recently was the Technology lead for a large-scale regulatory program focused on uplifting risk management and technology across CBA.

# SPEAKERS





### ADAM BAILEY

General Manager, Product  
Management,  
Diligent

As General Manager at Diligent, Adam leads the flagship Diligent One Platform, Diligent Market Intelligence, and ACL Analytics, overseeing strategy, operations, and commercial outcomes across global markets. He also serves as the executive sponsor for Diligent's Global Centers of Excellence in Product Management and UX/Design, where he champions innovation, scalability, and design excellence across the entire product suite. With over two decades of experience, Adam has built and led product and technology organizations through periods of rapid growth, post-acquisition integration, and large-scale transformation.



### LINDSAY WALKER

Assistant General Counsel,  
Diligent

Lindsay is a seasoned technology lawyer leader, with experience across a range of highly regulated and complex environments including banking, private health insurance, and now technology. Lindsay and her team are actively involved in AI governance at Diligent, including as part of their advisory roles to the global Diligent Product teams.



### DUSK LIM

Head of Specialists Sales,  
Diligent

Dusk Lim has a proven track record leading regional sales for SAAS organizations with close to 20 years of experience in leadership, management, sales and different GTM roles across APAC.



### STEVE JOHNS

Partner, Tech Co-Lead,  
Hall & Wilcox

Steve's practice focuses on corporate law, specialising in M&A and joint ventures. He has particular expertise in transactions in the technology (including ICT), life sciences, biotechnology and services sectors. Steve advises clients on share and asset sales, strategic investments, joint ventures and restructures (including carve-outs). His clients including foreign and domestic corporations and private equity and venture capital funds. In addition to his sector expertise, Steve has a focus on cross border transactions, and in particular transactions involving the US. He has worked in the US and regularly advises US clients on transactions in Australia.

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## **TIMOTHY GOODRICK**

Partner, Forensic,  
KPMG Australia

Tim is a Partner in KPMG's Financial Crime Consulting practice where he leads AML/CTF, sanctions and fraud transformation, advisory and review projects. He joined after a 10 year career in public service in the Australian Government and at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

At KPMG, his focus is building and leading motivated teams to support clients across the financial sector in Australia, and government agencies globally. He is passionate about combatting financial crime through effective measures in both the private and public sectors.



## **DR. KAR MEI TANG**

Regional Head, UNPRI & Co-Chair,  
International Women's  
Development Agency

Dr. Kar Mei Tang is Regional Head, Oceania and Asia (ex-China and Japan) for the UN-backed PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment), the world's leading international network of investors supporting responsible investment. Kar Mei has previously held senior executive roles in public policy in environmental and economic portfolios, as well as with the peak body for private equity and venture capital. She currently also sits on various boards and committees including as Co-Chair of the International Women's Development Agency and Deputy Chair of Women in Economics.



## **FERNANDO MOURÃO**

Head of Responsible AI,  
SEEK

Fernando is a Responsible AI (RAI) Leader with over a decade of experience in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Machine Learning and Recommender Systems. Fernando recognizes that the significance of Responsible AI in today's tech-driven world cannot be overstated. He believes it is crucial for mitigating business challenges, pinpointing optimal AI use cases, and enhancing the success rate of AI adoption—all while fostering innovation and safeguarding operational integrity and public trust.



## **DONNA FORLIN**

AI Governance Expert,  
NBN Australia

Donna is an experienced AI strategist and product leader with a passion for driving innovation and growth in the field of artificial intelligence. Her career spans from startup environments to global tech leaders, where I've consistently delivered impactful results in AI product development, commercialization, and responsible AI practices. Her expertise lies in bridging the gap between technical solutions and business needs, translating market demands and signals into innovative AI solutions.

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**SHARIF ABUADBBA, PHD**

Team Leader of Distributed  
Systems Security | AI &  
Cybersecurity,  
CSIRO's Data61

Dr. Alsharif (Sharif) Abuadbba is the team leader of Distributed Systems Security at CSIRO's Data61. He holds a PhD in computer security from RMIT University, Australia, and has extensive experience at the intersection of AI and cybersecurity. Dr. Abuadbba has led a large portfolio of national and international science projects, collaborating with organisations such as the Cyber Security CRC, Department of Home Affairs, DSTG, and others. His projects have gained national recognition, including the Smartshield project, which won the iAwards in NSW in 2022.



**CIARA STERLING**

CEO,  
Thriving Communities

Ciara is a leader who believes in the power of cross-sector collaboration to make real change for people experiencing vulnerability and exclusion. She is motivated by her passion for human rights and her belief that everyone deserves an equitable system, adequate living standards, and to live free from discrimination. As Founding CEO for the Thriving Communities Australia, she convenes over 250 organisations, together with people with lived experience, to forge deeper understanding of vulnerability and drive ecosystem change through social design innovation. Ciara is also a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Consumer Action Law Centre.



**TIFFINY LEWIN GAICD**

Head of Vulnerability  
Strategy & Governance,  
Westpac

Tiffany is an astute Senior Executive and Non-Executive Director with an insights-driven and customer-centered approach. She has expertise in business growth and turnaround, strategy and risk management, drawn from a 30+ year career spanning diverse sectors including consumer goods, retail/wholesale, healthcare, professional services, manufacturing, banking and analytical science. Tiffany is passionate about developing and mentoring leaders as a cornerstone to building collaborative and values-driven culture.



**KATIE MILLER**

Deputy CEO, Regulation,  
AUSTRAC

Katie Miller is the Deputy CEO, Regulation, AUSTRAC and has strategic responsibility for AUSTRAC's regulatory, policy and legal functions.

Katie has extensive experience exercising regulatory functions and advising regulators at state and federal levels. Katie is a published author on issues involving regulation, law and technology and supports connections between government, practitioners, communities of practice and academia.

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## **DANIEL RULE**

General Manager, Regulatory &  
Compliance  
Endeavour Group

Dan is an experienced financial crime and risk professional with more than 15 years of experience within multiple industries. He is known for his transformation capability and leadership of large, multi functional teams. His responsibilities include being designated as AML Compliance Officer (AMLCO) along with accountability for Hotels Regulatory, Compliance and Risk Management. Dan is responsible for delivering a multi-year transformation program which includes cashless gaming and identified carded play uplifts. Prior to this, Dan held senior positions within Crown Resorts, NAB and American Express responsible for Financial Crime Operations and transformation.

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