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Brendan Thomas
AUSTRAC
CEO

Brendan Thomas commenced his 5-year appointment as AUSTRAC CEO on 29 January 2024, leading Australia's financial intelligence unit and anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) regulator. In this role, Brendan represents AUSTRAC on the ACIC Board and the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce CEO Board, and leads agency head-level engagement with the Office of National Intelligence and other National Intelligence Community members.

A Wiradjuri man, Brendan brings significant experience in leading major public services, particularly across the criminal and civil justice systems. Prior to AUSTRAC, he served as Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, CEO of Legal Aid NSW, and Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Justice. Brendan holds a Bachelor of Arts from Macquarie University and is a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand School of Government.



Katie Miller
AUSTRAC
Deputy CEO, Regulation

Katie Miller is the Deputy CEO for Regulation at AUSTRAC and has strategic responsibility for AUSTRAC's regulatory, legal and policy functions. AUSTRAC's regulatory approach is to focus on outcomes and harm reduction using a range of tools to influence and intervene.

Katie has extensive experience exercising regulatory functions and advising regulators in state and federal governments.

Katie is a lawyer by background and training and a published author on issues involving regulation, law and technology.



Luke Irwin
ISSMP, CISSP, CISM
Aegis Cybersecurity

Luke Irwin is the Founder and Principal Consultant of Aegis Cybersecurity, a Brisbane-based cybersecurity consultancy specialising in governance, risk, compliance, and strategic advisory services. He works with organisations across small business, mid-market, regulated, and critical infrastructure environments to help them strengthen security posture, improve resilience, and make better risk-based decisions.

Known for his practical and commercially grounded approach, Luke advises boards, executives, and leadership teams on cybersecurity strategy, vendor risk, third-party assurance, and the application of frameworks such as ISO 27001, Essential Eight, NIST, SOC 2, and sector-specific obligations. His work focuses on turning cybersecurity from a vague technical concern into a structured business risk conversation that leaders can act on.

Luke is a frequent speaker, commentator, and industry contributor, recognised for making complex cybersecurity issues understandable, relevant, and actionable for business audiences. Through his work, he helps organisations cut through noise, challenge poor practice, and build security programs that are defensible, proportionate, and aligned to business objectives.



Sunita Bose
Digital Industry
Group Inc.
Managing Director

Sunita is Managing Director of the Digital Industry Group Inc. (DIGI), a non-profit industry association for leading technology companies operating in Australia. DIGI collaborates with the Australian Government and the digital industry in addressing complex online challenges across online harms, data protection and consumer protection, and the digital economy. Sunita was previously the Head of Global Policy for the online petition platform Change.org, based in San Francisco. She developed the company's Privacy Policy, Terms of Service, Community Guidelines and policy infrastructure to manage harmful user-generated content, in areas such as bullying, hate speech, defamation, misinformation, data privacy and child protection. Before that, Sunita spent seven years working in a range of international and Australian advocacy and strategic communications roles at humanitarian aid agencies Oxfam and UNICEF, and has a Masters of Policy from the University of New South Wales. Sunita was represented on the former Government's Digital Experts Advisory Committee and is on the current Government's National Anti-Scams Centre Advisory Board. Her opinions have been published in The Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian Financial Review.

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Jack Morgan
FinTech Australia
Head of Policy

Jack Morgan is Head of Policy at FinTech Australia, the peak industry body for the Australian fintech sector, representing more than 400 fintech companies and startups across the country. He leads FinTech Australia's policy and regulatory engagement across areas including payments, digital assets, open banking, AML/CTF reform, digital identity and emerging financial regulation.

Prior to joining FinTech Australia, Jack worked as a commercial litigator and as a policy adviser for another leading financial services industry association, where he advised domestic and international fund managers on regulatory and public policy issues. He also spent six years advising Australian Federal ministers across the Treasury, Finance and Home Affairs portfolios.

Jack regularly engages with Treasury, ASIC, AUSTRAC, the Reserve Bank of Australia and other regulators on major reforms impacting the financial services sector. His work focuses on balancing innovation, competition and consumer protection, while ensuring regulatory settings remain practical, proportionate and supportive of economic growth.



Charlotte Davidson
IDCARE Group
Interim Chief
Executive Officer

Charlotte has over 20 years experience across the Australian and NSW governments, including 12 years in cyber security and cybercrime intelligence.

Charlotte was a founding member and executive with the central NSW government cyber function, Cyber Security NSW, leading the state's cyber security strategy and policy. She was Manager of Cybercrime Intelligence at the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

Charlotte was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2020 to undertake international research on cyber security awareness. She completed an Executive Master of Public Administration in 2022.

Charlotte is a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), is certified in Governance, Risk and Compliance (CGRC), and has qualifications in accounting, leadership and community development.



Anneliese Cooper
Human Rights Law Centre
Lawyer

Anneliese Cooper is a Lawyer in the Centre's Whistleblower Project where she advises and represents whistleblowers and works to strengthen public interest accountability mechanisms across jurisdictions.

Anneliese is committed to advocating for transparency and accountability and supporting her clients through the complexities of complaints, investigations, and litigation.



Izabel Greco
TAL
General Manager -
Prudential, Governance &
Accountability

Izabel Greco is General Manager – Prudential, Governance & Accountability at TAL, Australia's leading life insurers. With over a decade of experience in risk management and compliance across financial services, she leads TAL's prudential risk, regulatory governance, and accountability frameworks — including the Financial Accountability Regime and enterprise-wide risk management under APRA's prudential standards. Izabel led TAL's implementation of CPS 230, driving the uplift of operational risk and resilience practices across the organisation.

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Prof. Vivienne Brand

Professor of Corporate Law, Flinders University, Non-Executive Director

Vivienne Brand is a Professor at Flinders University Law School, researching & teaching in corporate law and governance. She has broad cross-sectoral governance experience as a non-executive director including on for-purpose, for-profit (listed & unlisted) and regulatory boards, including as a Chair of an Audit & Risk Committee. Vivienne is a Deputy Chair of the Law Council of Australia's Corporations Committee and a General Editor of the Australian Journal of Corporate Law.



Krzysztof Lyson

Humm Group
Global Head of Compliance

Krzysztof Lyson is Global Head of Compliance at Humm Group and a senior leader in financial crime, data governance, and risk management. He specialises in building and uplifting AML/CTF programs, with deep expertise across customer due diligence, transaction monitoring, and enterprise data frameworks. Krzysztof has extensive experience working with regulators, leading organisations through supervisory reviews, remediation, and large-scale compliance transformations to deliver audit-ready outcomes. His career includes senior roles across global financial institutions and professional services, where he has led high-profile AML remediation programs under intense regulatory scrutiny and driven global innovation initiatives. His approach is grounded in leveraging data to design scalable, effective compliance frameworks that strengthen risk posture and stand up to real-world regulatory expectations.



Andrew Hottes

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Chief Digital Information Officer at Cranbrook School, where he leads the development and delivery of digital strategy, IT governance, and cybersecurity to support the school's long-term transformation. With over 25 years' experience across global financial services, technology, and education sectors, he brings a strong track record in delivering large-scale digital and infrastructure programs in complex, federated environments. Andrew has led major initiatives including enterprise system transformations, large-scale outsourcing and cloud migrations, and the implementation of ISO 27001-aligned information security frameworks. He advises boards and leadership teams on digital risk, cybersecurity, and innovation, with a focus on aligning technology strategy to organisational outcomes and resilience.



Marcus Zeltzer

Founder
Yellow Canary

Marcus Zeltzer is a leading expert on workforce compliance in Australia. As Founder and Managing Director of Yellow Canary, he helps some of the nation's largest employers manage payroll, superannuation, and industrial obligations through AI-powered and automated compliance audit technology. Under his leadership, Yellow Canary has reviewed more than \$100 billion in payroll data and completed over 110 historical wage reviews.

Marcus also serves on the Investment Review Council for Blackwattle Investment Partners, is a member of the Board of Directors for the RegTech Association, and advises the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on its RegTech roadmap for modern awards. A frequent speaker on compliance, automation, and ESG, Marcus is known for translating complex regulatory challenges into practical, tech-enabled solutions.

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Jamal Waqar

Standards Australia
Head of Research, Experience,
Data and Analytics

Jamal Waqar is Head of Research, Experience, Data and Analytics at Standards Australia, where he leads multidisciplinary teams delivering insights that inform policy, industry, and regulatory decision-making. He specialises in data governance, AI strategy, and the development of standards that enable safe, trusted, and interoperable systems across emerging technologies.

Jamal has led national and international initiatives spanning data-centric AI, environmental data standards, quantum technologies, and critical infrastructure. His work focuses on translating complex technical and regulatory challenges into practical frameworks that support regulators and industry alike.

He is an active contributor to global standards development and frequently engages with government, industry, and international bodies to shape the future of responsible technology adoption.



Gavin D. Coles

OFX
Global Sanctions Officer

Gavin has concentrated on the specialist field of financial crime for over 25 years, living and working in locations as diverse as the UK, Hong Kong, Australia, and the United States. Major roles included the Global AML & Sanctions function for National Australia Bank; providing consultant services on AML and Sanctions for EY in Australia and the UK; AML officer for the Bank of New York in London; and working as part of a UK Cabinet Office team designing anti-laundering policy recommendations that resulted in the Proceeds of Crime Act.

After a long stint in post as Global Head of AML for Citi Private Bank based out of New York, he moved back to Australia to run his own consultancy, helping a range of national and international clients with AML, Sanctions, and financial crime risk challenges; he's worked with many government agencies across the world on both individual investigations and strategic issues.

Since 2024 he has been the Global Sanctions Officer at OFX, an ASX listed international payment services, FX solutions, and automation company - if you want to talk sanctions controls, buy him a coffee!

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