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**26-28 NOVEMBER 2017** 

Welcome to the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency's 4th annual event, the Asbestos Safety and Fradication Summit 2017.

The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency and Council are delighted that you have joined us in Canberra this year for what we see as our most important event to date. This year, we want to consider what has been achieved over the past four years in coordinating and implementing the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Asbestos Management and Awareness and preparing for Australia's next national strategic plan beyond 2018.

We are pleased that once again we have renowned local and international experts in asbestos management, public health, advocacy and governance to challenge you into thinking what is best practice in managing the dangers of asbestos in our community and abroad.

Day one of the summit will focus on awareness and will feature sessions that look at the importance of a national awareness campaign from a public health perspective and a session on the economic and social impact of asbestos-related diseases.

Day two will concentrate on removal and legacy management. You will receive updates on how asbestos removal programs are being implemented overseas and in Australia, what the future of work looks like in the asbestos management and removal fields and the implications of ageing asbestos on our approach to legacy management and removal.

During the two days, there will also be a series of interactive workshops which provide the opportunity to focus on the six strategies of the NSP which include; awareness, best practice, identification, removal, research and international leadership.

This event is particularly important because during the summit presentations, discussions comments and questions will be recorded and documented so that feedback can be considered during planning for the Australia's next National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness.

As we continue to see attention being paid in the media and the general public to the issues around asbestos management, removal and disposal, it is important for us to continue to work with industry, unions, advocacy groups and the community to develop best practice approaches in all aspects of asbestos awareness and management to minimise the risk of exposure and asbestos-related disease.

Clearly, exposure to asbestos remains a significant problem for Australia; for all governments, local, state and national, for our health care sector and more importantly for the families of asbestos-related diseases sufferers who live with the consequences of exposure every day of their lives.

The agency has been fortunate in bringing together all states and territories in endorsing the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness; the first time a plan of its type has been endorsed by all jurisdictions. This summit will be a great opportunity for all stakeholders to come together to consider what has been achieved so far, and to assist the agency in thinking about the goals and outcomes that we want to achieve in the next NSP for asbestos management and awareness

The event will provide important networking opportunities and a thought-provoking environment to discuss the big issues faced by workplaces, stakeholders, border controls and the general community in raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos and how it can be managed into the future. We hope to once again highlight the important role the agency plays in delivering the National Strategic Plan and advocating change on the ground, in Australia and internationally.

Thank you for joining us. We hope you all enjoy the summit this year.



Peter Tighe
Chief Executive Officer





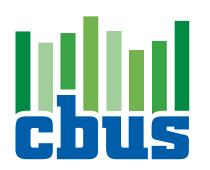
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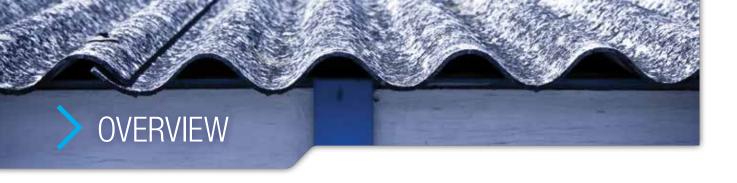


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# Turner Freeman

Welcome to the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Summit being held in our nation's capital this year at Old Parliament House.

This summit will highlight the achievements of the agency in implementing the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness and will assist in preparing for Australia's next national strategic plan beyond 2018.

The 2017 summit will highlight important research the agency has completed in how to manage the legacy issues relating to decades of production and use of asbestos in Australia and also the work that has been undertaken in relation to international leadership and managing the risks of and preventing exposure to asbestos.

The summit will also provide the opportunity for the agency to launch a range of new projects such as the new agency website which has been designed to meet user needs and provide easily accessible information on asbestos as well as the national asbestos awareness campaign which is expected to be rolled out in 2018.

The event will begin with a pre-conference forum where we plan on engaging with key decision makers to discuss what has been achieved so far, what we should be thinking about next and why proactivity, awareness, management and removal is so important.

During the following two days, we will be joined by international speakers from Canada and The Netherlands as well as local experts from a variety of industries including public health, border protection and local government.

Topics to be examined during the summit include:

- > Awareness national and international programs and campaigns
- **>** Best practice raising awareness about the risk of imported products containing asbestos
- The economic and social impact of asbestos-related disease
- > Considering different asbestos management and removal strategies
- > Updates on prevention and treatment research
- The future of work implications for asbestos management, removal, transport and disposal

This event is particularly important because during the summit, presentations, discussions comments and questions will be recorded and documented so that feedback can be considered during planning for Australia's next National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness. We hope that you join the discussion and have an engaging, thought-provoking 2017 summit!

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- Successfully running the first ever jury verdict for a lung cancer claim in Australia

- The first verdict on behalf of a child born at Wittenoom and exposed to blue asbestos dust in the township
- The first award of exemplary damages under the Dust Diseases Act 2005 (SA)
- Landmark decision in the High Court of Australia which has now settled the law in Australia in respect of causation of mesothelioma giving security to mesothelioma victims and their families
- Landmark win against BHP Billiton in the High Court of Australia in 2015

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Sunday 26 Novem	nber 2017
5.30pm – 6.30pm Kings Hall	Pre-conference forum  Setting the scene for change. What has been achieved from Australia's National Strategic Plan (NSP) for asbestos management and awareness from 2014-18? Where to next and why is proactivity so important?  Matt Peacock in conversation with the Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease (PGARD)  Matt Peacock  Journalist and Author, ABC  Senator the Hon Lisa Singh  Senator for Tasmania  Deputy Chair of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement,  Co-chair of Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease  Russell Broadbent MP  Federal Member for McMillan, Victoria  Co-chair of Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease
6.30pm – 8.30pm Kings Hall Day 1 – Monday 2	Welcome reception Sponsored by Slater and Gordon Lawyers  27 November 2017 — Awareness
8.00am – 9.00am	Arrival and registration
9.00am – 9.15am MDR 2 & 3	Welcome to Country Wally Bell Ngunawal Elder Facilitator welcome Matt Peacock Journalist and Author, ABC
9.15am – 9.30am	Ministerial address Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (video) Minister for Employment, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Minister for Women Welcome from Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Chair Diane Smith-Gander Chair, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council
9.30am – 9.45am	Opening address: asbestos in Australia – where are we now?  Peter Tighe Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

9.45am – 10.45am		Plenary keynote Awareness and proactivity – a public health focus Becky Freeman Sr Lecturer and NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow, School of Public Health, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney			
10.4	45am – 11.15am	Morning tea – Sponsored by Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation			
11.15am – 12.00pm		International keynote International intervention Sari Sairanen Director, Health Safety and Environment, Unifor, Canada			
12.00pm – 12.30pm		Proactivity: national and international programs  Dianne Foggo AM  Chair, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency  Sari Sairanen  Director, Health Safety and Environment, Unifor, Canada  Linda Reinstein (video, dial in)  President and CEO, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization			
12.30pm – 1.30pm		Lunch – Sponsored by Allens Industrial Products			
			Workshops		
Workshop one NSP strategy 1: Awareness Brad Parker Director, WorkSafe Tasmania Mary Dickie Managing Director, Quay Connection			Workshop two NSP strategy 2: Best practice Raising awareness about the risk of imported products containing asbestos Jim Williams Assistant Commissioner, Border Management Division, Australian Border Force Katherine Morris Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia Andrew Mantle Managing Director, AARMS (Asbestos Audits, Reports and Management Services)	Workshop three NSP strategy 6: International leadership Kate Lee Executive Officer, Union Aid Pensri Anantagulnathi Head of Occupational Group, Bureau of Occupational and Environmental Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand Sara Broomhall Director, Chemical Policy Section, Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy	
3.00pm – 3.30pm		Afternoon tea			
3.30pm – 4.30pm		Tim Dris Professo Sarina La	r, Public Health School of Public Healt	th, The University of Sydney	

4.30pm – 4.45pm 6.30pm – 7.00pm	Day one wrap up  Matt Peacock  Journalist and Author, ABC  Diane Smith-Gander  Chair, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council  Pre-drinks – Queen Victoria Terrace, Old Parliament House				
7.00pm – 11.00pm	Gala dinner – Old Parliament House Entertainment: Luke McGregor, The Socialites				
Day 2 – Tuesday 28 November 2017 – Removal & Legacy Management					
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival and registration				
9.00am – 9.15am MDR 2&3	Facilitator welcome to day two Matt Peacock Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation Commemoration of lives lost Peter Tighe Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency				
9.15am – 10.00am	International keynote Removal and management – Dutch case study In 2016, the Dutch Government introduced a program to eliminate all remaining asbestos roofing by 2024. Nienke Smith, from the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment will outline why the Dutch Government moved to this approach, and how this program is being implemented.  Nienke Smith Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands				
10.00 – 10.30am	Panel discussion – What are the implications of ageing asbestos on our approach to asbestos management and removal?  Nienke Smith Policy Coordinator, Asbestos, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands  Alison Reid Associate Professor, Curtin University, WA  Simone Stevenson Executive Director, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency  Matt Peacock Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation				
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea – Sponsored by Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation				

Workshops						
Workshop four NSP strategy 4: Removal Considering different asbestos management and removal strategies Chris Reynolds Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Member Matthew Allan Consultant (Waste, Recycling & Resource Management), Rawtec Geza Benke Senior Research Fellow, Monash University		Workshop five NSP strategy 5: Research Updates on prevention and treatment research Ken Takahashi Director, Asbestos Diseases Research Institute Jenette Creaney Chief Investigator, National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases	Workshop six NSP strategy 3: Identification Simone Stevenson Executive Director, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency Pierina Otness Senior Scientific Officer, Environmental Health Directorate, Department of Health WA Paul Corry Project Manager, Principal Hygienist, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency			
		Sponsored by Regional Enviroscience				
1.30pm – 2.15pm	The future removal, and George Quaresearch Scine Panel – In George Quaresearch Scine Alison Reid Associate Promichelle Barasbestos Saintenance Promichelle Barasbestos Promichelle Barasbe	Associate Professor, Curtin University, WA  Michelle Baxter  Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Member				
2.15pm – 3.15pm  Panel discussion – Awareness, priority removal and legacy management  Tim Driscoll  Professor, Public Health School of Public Health, The University of Sydney						

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Day two wrap up and conference close

Afternoon tea and conference close

Former Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Chair

**Peter Tighe**Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Marnie Williams

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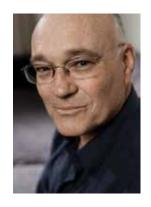
Geoff Fary

3.15pm – 3.45pm

3.45pm -4.00pm

# **SPEAKERS**

# International Speakers



### Matt Peacock Summit facilitator

Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Matt Peacock is an award-winning journalist and also the staff-appointed director currently with the ABC. He has been chief political correspondent for current affairs radio in Canberra, as well as foreign correspondent in London (2001-2003), Washington (1990-1992) and New York (1993).

Matt produced a pioneering radio series on the asbestos industry at ABC Radio National's Science Unit. For many years, Matt worked for the prime-time radio current affairs radio programs AM, The World Today and PM, specialising in politics, environment and science. For seven years he also reported from outback Australia, specialising in rural and remote issues including Aboriginal affairs, founding the TV production house Remote Area Media.

More recently he authored a book on the former Australian asbestos manufacturer James Hardie, Killer Company (HarperCollins, 2009), which is now a dramatic mini-series Devil's Dust.

# Sari Sairanen

Director Health Safety and Environment, Unifor

Sari Sairanen is National Health and Safety Director at Unifor, responsible for the content of health and safety training programs, submissions for better laws, information on

workplace substances, the establishment of programs to eliminate hazardous workplace conditions, and the publication of the Health and Safety & Environment Newsletter.

Sari comes to the National union from the Airline division which represents members from coast to coast to coast in Canada.

Sari began her union activism as a health & safety representative in a call center where she confronted ergonomic and working condition issues such as computer workstations, task design, stress and electronic monitoring. Additionally, she served on the Air Canada bargaining committee as a regional representative and as President of Local 2002 during the CCAA or Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act (bankruptcy) proceedings.

# International Speakers

## Nienke Smith

Policy Coordinator Asbestos, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands

In 2015, Nienke started working as a Policy Coordinator for the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment.

Nienke's work focuses on legislation for the ban on asbestos roofing and on establishing coalition of involved parties such as local governments, industry, banks, and insurers, in order to facilitate a faster removal of asbestos roofing.

Nienke's work also includes managing the subsidy scheme for the removal of asbestos roofing, and compensation from the Dutch government for victims of mesothelioma and asbestosis.

In June 2017, Nienke organised and coordinated a workshop on 'Advancing the elimination of asbestos-related diseases' during the World Health Organisation's 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health.



# Linda Reinstein

President and CEO, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (video, dial in)

Linda became a public health advocate after her husband, Alan, was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003, One

year later, she co-founded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) to reach out to those who have been affected by asbestos-related diseases.

During the past 14 years, ADAO has become the largest independent 501 (c)(3) non-profit in the U.S. dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure, eliminating asbestos-caused diseases, and protecting asbestos victims' civil rights through education, advocacy, and community initiatives.

Serving as President and CEO, Linda has been a strong political voice for major local, national, and international asbestos-related issues.

# Australian Speakers



# Peter Tighe

Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Mr Tighe was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency in August

2013 for a period of five years. Prior to this, Mr Tighe was National Secretary of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union, a position he held from 1995 to 2013.

He was also National Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union and Executive Member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions from 1991 to 2013. During this time, Mr Tighe was also chair of E-Oz Energy Skills Australia, E-Profiling Pty Ltd, the National Electrical and Electronic Industry Training Council and trustee/board member of CBUS Superannuation.

Mr Tighe has extensive experience in workplace health and safety issues and in tackling the hazards of asbestos containing materials.



# Michelle Baxter

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Member

Michelle Baxter has been the Chief Executive Officer of Safe Work Australia since 2014 having acted in the position for 12 months before that. Before her appointment Ms Baxter has held Senior Executive

roles including in the Department of Employment and the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman. Ms Baxter is a member of Safe Work Australia and the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission. She holds bachelor degrees in Arts and Laws from the Australian National University and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in 1988.



Diane Smith-Gander

Chair, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council

Diane Smith-Gander is non-Executive director AGL Engergy, Wesfarmers Limited, Chair SafeWork Australia, a

board member of Keystart Loans, Henry Davis York, CEDA President of Chief Executive Women, Australia's preeminent women's advocacy group.

Diane has held a wide range of non-executive roles in the past including Chairperson of Broadspectrum, Deputy Chairperson of NBNCo, non-executive director of the CBH Group, commissioner of Tourism WA and board member of the Committee for Perth.

Diane's last executive role was Group Executive at Westpac; a member of the leadership team of the corporation, responsible for all Information Technology, back office operations, global vendor management and property. Diane was a General Manager at Westpac for 10 years in the 1990's responsible for back office functions, retail networks and support functions.

Prior to re-joining Westpac Diane was a partner at McKinsey & Company in Washington and New Jersey serving clients in diverse industries globally. Diane became a senior advisor to McKinsey in Australia in 2016.



Kate Lee

Executive Officer, Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA

Kate Lee is Executive Officer of Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA, the global justice organisation of the Australian union movement.

Union Aid Abroad has been working towards asbestos bans with unions, community groups and government organisations in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Indonesia and with others in the Asia-Pacific region. This work involves education, awareness, campaign and capacity-building programs.

Australian unions and victims groups, Australian government agencies and embassies and individual Australians have all contributed funding to the Union Aid Abroad program.



Geoff Fary

Former Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Chair

Mr Geoff Fary MAICD FAIM was Chair of the Australian Asbestos Management Review between 2010 and 2012 and Chair of the

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council from 2013 to 2016. Prior to this he was Assistant Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions for 3 years.

Mr Fary has also held positions as Executive Director of the Association of Professional Engineers Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA) and National Vice President of the Industrial Relations Society, Australia and a number of other senior corporate and government roles. His former board memberships and directorships include George Weston Foods Limited, Australian Employee Buyout Centre, APESMA Lawyers Pty Ltd, Victorian Government Purchasing Board, Safe Work Australia, Defence Reserves Support National Council and Commissioner for the Australian Safety and Compensation Commission.

He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the current Chairman of the Australian Institute of Management (Vic/Tas).



Brad Parker

Director, Worksafe Tasmania

Brad has over 20 years' experience in workers compensation and managing the operation of the Tasmanian Workers

Compensation Scheme. He is also responsible for managing the Asbestos Compensation Scheme for Tasmania.

Prior to moving into workers compensation, Brad spent 12 years working in injury prevention performing various roles including leading teams responsible for Occupational Health & Safety across a range of industry sectors.

Brad has also held a range of engineering positions within the mining sector. He also holds various tertiary qualifications in Engineering, Health and Safety, and Public Sector Management.

Brad is Secretary to the WorkCover Tasmania Board, a Non-Executive Director of the Personal Injury Education Foundation and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Dianne Foggo AM

Chair, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency

Dianne Foggo has a diverse background in education, alternative dispute resolution, industrial relations and governance. She has made a

significant contribution to each of these areas as:

- Deputy Chancellor of Victoria University (VU) for over 10 years
- Commissioner of the Australian Industrial Relations
   Commission and Fair Work Australia for over 18 years
- Federal President of the Australian Education Union (AEU)
- Vice President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)
- Director Bendigo Health Board

Dianne's experience on boards and committees is extensive, having chaired VU's Strategy Committee and participation in federal government education committees. She was previously a Director on the Board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and has been a representative at the International Labour Organisation.

Dianne is a current Chair of the Executive Committee for Diversity and Inclusion, Emergency Services Management sector, is the independent member of the Victoria Police Committee to implement the Victoria Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) Report into sexual discrimination and is a Director of the Bendigo Health Board. She often chairs appeals panels in the University sector.

Awarded for her leadership capabilities and advancement of women with an Order of Australia, Dianne holds an honorary degree from VU and life membership with the AEU and Industrial Relations Society of Victoria (IRSV). Dianne continues to work with alacrity chairing the Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency's (VAEA) Board.



Alison Reid

Associate Professor, Curtin University, WA

Alison Reid is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health, Curtin University, Western Australia. She is an occupational epidemiologist

with an interest in the exposure risks from the in-situ asbestos in the built environment and the health risks associated with low-dose asbestos exposure. She has examined these among women and children exposed to blue asbestos at Wittenoom, Western Australia.



Jenette Creaney

Chief Investigator, National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases

Professor Jenette Creaney is a molecular biologist within the School of Medicine, University of Western Australia (UWA).

She is a principal investigator with the National Research Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases (NCARD) and heads the Biomarkers and Discovery Unit.

Jenette did her Honours in Microbiology at UWA then completed her PhD through La Trobe University in Melbourne. She was a Howard Hughes Postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cincinnati in the US for three years, before returning to Perth in 1999 to focus on mesothelioma research.

Jenette is internationally recognised as a leader in the field of mesothelioma biomarkers. She identified serum mesothelin biomarker; this has since been commercialised and is available worldwide. Her research program uniquely integrates biospecimen collection and laboratory research within a framework of clinical trials. She is a member of the executive of the Australasian Biospecimens Network and is actively involved in tissue banking and writing policy documents and standard operating procedures for clinical biospecimen collection.



## Marnie Williams

Asbestos Safety and Fradication Council Member

Marnie Williams is the Executive Director of Health and Safety at the Victorian WorkCover Authority. Ms Williams' previous roles

include Chief Executive Officer of the Taxi Services Commission; General Manager of the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure and various roles at the Victorian WorkCover Authority and Worksafe Victoria, including as General Manager of the Strategic Programs Division and as a chemical technologist.



Ken Takahashi

Director, Asbestos Diseases Research Institute

Ken was Professor of Environmental Epidemiology and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Occupational Health at the

University of Occupational and Environmental Health (UOEH), Japan. Ken graduated from the School of Medicine, Keio University in 1983, and after completing a 2-year residency in surgery, he received a PhD from UOEH and MPH from the University of Pittsburgh. He served as consultant/advisor to WHO and ILO, and is a former Board Member of the International Commission of Occupational Health and President of the Asian Association for Occupational Health.

He currently serves as the WHO Expert on Chemical Safety/ Environmental Epidemiology and is an Executive Council Member of the Collegium Ramazzini. He received the Jorma Rantanen Award in 2011 and the Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014. In February 2017 he was appointed Director of the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute, and Professor of the Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney.



Geza Benke

Senior Research Fellow, Monash University

Geza Benke is a Senior Research Fellow with MonCOEH and is an Occupational Hygienist. Geza graduated in physics in

1978 from the University of Melbourne. He subsequently completed a Master of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Melbourne and a PhD in Epidemiology at Monash University. After working in state government and OHS consulting, he was appointed Radiation Protection Officer for Monash University in 1992. In 1994 Geza was appointed Research Fellow in the Unit of Occupational and Environmental Health. He has been involved in the Healthwise study, Lead and Cancer study, Morpheus study, INTEROCC study and the ECRHS study. In 2008 Geza was President of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists. His principal research interests include occupational/ environmental epidemiology exposure assessment, exposure assessment methodology, occupational cancer and respiratory epidemiology.



# Pierina Otness

Senior Scientific Officer, Environmental Health Directorate, Department of Health WA

Mrs Pierina Otness, Senior Scientific Officer, currently works at the Department of

Health WA within the Environmental Health Directorate. Currently, her work involves the review and assessment of contaminated sites in WA, assessment and management of asbestos in the non-occupational environment and health risk assessment. Pierina has over 20 years professional experience and has worked in environmental health and as an occupational hygienist in the mining and health industries. Pierina is a member of ALGA, the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand, and is a full professional member of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene (MAIOH). Pierina researched and drafted the enHealth Management of asbestos in the non-occupational environment, which was published in 2005 and has contributed to the development of public health guidelines for asbestos in soil.



George Quezada

Research Scientist, DATA61 | CSIRO

Dr George Quezada is an innovation scientist with the CSIRO Data 61, researching digital disruption and the future of

cities, infrastructure and essential service provision. This research is developing strategies that enable economic opportunity and rapid transitions to a sustainable, resilient and resourse efficient future. George's past research explored disruptive innovation in the energy and water sectors. He led the Urban Edge Partnership, a collaborative research project with the property sector to explore the role of greenfield developments in helping the industry and urban areas meet 21st Century challenges and opportunities. More recently, he has established CSIRO's Urban Living Lab initiative, which is identifying and developing special purpose innovation zones in new urban development areas.



Sarina Lacey

Director of Health, Economics and Policy, The Centre for International Economics

Sarina Lacey is the Director of Health Economics and Policy at the Centre for International

Economics, which is an economics consultancy that advises public and private sector clients on challenging economic issues.

She has been particularly involved in analysing funding models for health services, which includes quantifying how investments in health deliver value to individuals, taxpayers, and the wider community, and assessing where health investments deliver best value for money. Her work in this area has been wide ranging - from evaluating applications for new health technology listings onto the MBS for the Department of Health, to evaluating palliative care programs, investments in pathology, and the merits of hospital-in-the-home programs, to name a few.

Sarina has led two projects for ASEA on the economic and social impacts of asbestos-related disease to create a baseline for future policy work to assess whether changes to eradication strategies might deliver net benefits.



Paul Corry

Project Manager, Principal Hygienist, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency

Paul Corry is an asbestos hygienist with 12 years' experience in the industry. He received his training

in asbestos safety at OHSS Ltd in Ireland whilst he undertook his Bachelor Degree in Project Management.

After immigrating to Australia in 2011, Paul spent 5 years working as a Consultant and Team Manager in the field of asbestos and hazardous materials safety at Greencap in Melbourne. He then held the position of Asbestos Project Manager at Parks Victoria. He started working as the Principal Hygienist at the VAEA in June 2017.

In his roles, Paul has worked on large scale auditing programs for Government agencies, property portfolio managers and healthcare facilities. He has also worked extensively in asbestos abatement over a large number of projects in the state of Victoria.



Katherine Morris

Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia

Katherine Morris is a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, specialising in work health and safety law. She has over 17 years' experience in

working across all jurisdictions of Australia. Katherine has successfully defended clients in high profile health and safety prosecutions and coronial inquiries across Australia. She has experience across a wide range of high safety risk industries including agriculture, transport (particularly road and rail), construction, property, and energy and resources. Katherine's main areas of expertise in health and safety law are:

- Strategic and compliance advice to organisations and their officers regarding satisfaction of all health and safety legal duties;
- 2. Serious incident response and management;
- 3. Defence of prosecutions (and other investigatory and enforcement action) and representation in coronial inquiries.

In WHS law, Katherine is recommended in the legal ranking publications Chambers & Partners, Asia Pacific Legal 500 and Doyles Guide.



## Tim Driscoll

Professor, Public School of Public Health, The University of Sydney

Tim Driscoll is an occupational epidemiologist and a specialist in occupational and environmental medicine and

public health medicine. He is a Professor in epidemiology and occupational medicine in the Sydney School of Public Health at the University of Sydney, where he runs the general epidemiology teaching and is Director of the Master of Public Health. Tim's main areas of research interest include the burden of occupational carcinogens; increasing the practical application and influence of epidemiological principles and findings; and improving the communication of epidemiological principles and findings to the general public.



# Simone Stevenson

Executive Director, Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency

Simone was appointed as Executive Director of the Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency in December

2016. She brings extensive experience in public policy, program management and stakeholder engagement in government, not-for-profit and private sectors.

Simone spent three years as Policy Adviser to the Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations advising on a range of portfolios, including occupational health and safety and employment. This included providing advice on the Federal Government response to the Asbestos Management Review 2012, the establishment of the National Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency and the development of the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness. Simone was also Chief of Staff to the Victorian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Industrial Relations and Local Government.

Prior to commencing with the Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency, Simone worked for The Fred Hollows Foundation where she successfully managed the Foundation's admission into official relations with the World Health Organisation.



# Jim Williams

Assistant Commissioner, Border Management Division, Australian Border Force

Jim Williams is the Assistant Commissioner of the Border Management Division of the

Australian Border Force. Jim has responsibility for setting and overseeing the higher level operational framework through which all border related activity is managed. In addition, this division is also responsible for establishing and managing a national compliance framework for people, travellers, and goods entering Australia.



## **Andrew Mantle**

Managing Director, AARMS (Asbestos Audits, Reports and Management Services)

Andrew Mantle is the Managing Director of AARMS. Established in 2007, AARMS has specialised in

the surveying of Plant & Equipment entering Australia, predominantly for the Oil & Gas Industries and Australian Maritime Operations. AARMS is authorised by the Federal Government to bring samples into Australia for testing at NATA laboratories.

AARMS has operations within Australia and Asia, with offices in Singapore and China.

Andrew holds the following certifications;

- Lloyds Certified Marine Surveyor with a specialisation in Marine Environmental Surveying
- Australian Asbestos Assessors Licence
- Licensed Asbestos Surveyor Singapore
- Licensed Asbestos Removalist Singapore
- Accredited Surveyor China
- DNV GL approved Hazmat Expert



# Becky Freeman

Sr Lecturer and NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow, School of Public Health, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney

Becky is an NHMRC research

fellow with the Prevention Research Collaboration at the School of Public Health, University of Sydney. Her primary research interests include tobacco control, obesity prevention, and how online and social media influence public health. She is an established authority on the potential of the Internet to circumvent tobacco advertising bans and has pioneered research methods in tracking and analysing online social media content. She has prepared technical reports for the World Health Organisation outlining how to monitor and regulate tobacco industry advertising and interference in tobacco control policy. Prior to pursuing her research interests in Australia, Becky worked for both government and not for profit organisations in Canada and New Zealand.



# Chris Reynolds

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Member

Chris has held a number of senior executive roles since joining the ACT government in 2006. During this time Chris has had a range of responsibilities

associated with the delivery policy objectives associated with land release, sustainability and housing affordability. Chris has built and led high performing teams, formed effective partnerships across community, industry and government agencies. He has developed skills around solving complex problems associated with policy delivery and maintaining a commercial focus.

Chris's current role within Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate has been to establish the business, governance and capability branch, a newly formed stream that supports the Directorate and responsible ministers to set, monitor and oversee the performance and business practices of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate including the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency.



# Matthew Allan

Consultant (Waste, Recycling & Resource Management), Rawtec

Matt is a consultant at Rawtec a waste, recycling and resource management consultancy based in Adelaide.

Matt has a consulting and behaviour change background, and he is passionate about positive waste management and recycling behaviour change at an individual, team, organisational, state and national level.

He has been involved in numerous waste-related projects, many of which have involved extensive consultation with industry and government from across Australia. Examples include exploring the viability of pyrolysis and gasification technology for tyre recovery in Australia, the South Australian Recycling Activity Survey (2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17), exploring the potential for social exclusion with electronic refund payment under a NSW container deposit scheme, and most relevant to the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Summit 2017, the development of case studies demonstrating better practice asbestos removal in buildings, soils and water pipes.



# Mary Dickie Managing Director,

**Quay Connection** 

Mary is one of Australia's leading social marketing strategists. Over 25 years, she has worked on some of Australia's most high-

profile and controversial programs for social change including projects and campaigns on issues such as HIV/ AIDS, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence, biosecurity, education and training, cyber security, vocational water and energy conservation. More recently Mary has focused on research and developing evidence based strategies for social change and community and stakeholder engagement, and she has built an impressive reputation for delivering lateral and creative responses to complex social marketing challenges in the government and public interest sectors.



# Senator the Hon Lisa Singh

Senator for Tasmania, Deputy Chair of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement, Co-chair of Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease

Lisa Singh was first elected to the Australian Senate in 2010, representing the state of Tasmania. She was re-elected for a second term at the 2016 Federal election. During her term in the Senate Lisa has served front bench positions as the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Attorney-General and the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Prior to being elected to the Australian Senate, Lisa was elected to the Tasmanian parliament in 2006 representing the electorate of Denison. In 2008, she was appointed Minister for Corrections and Consumer Protection and Minister for Workplace Relations, as well as Minister assisting on Climate Change. Lisa is also co-chair of Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease (PGARD).



# Russell Broadbent MP

Federal Member for McMillan, Victoria, Co-chair of Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease

Russell Broadbent MP is

an Australian federal politician and was elected to the House of Representatives as Member for McMillan, a federal electorate in the state of Victoria, for the politically conservative Liberal Party of Australia at the 2004 federal election.

Russell is also co-chair of Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease (PGARD).



# Michael Borowick

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Member

Michael Borowick was appointed as Assistant Secretary of the Australian

Council of Trade Unions in 2010. Between 1990 and 2010 he held various elected and other positions in the Australian Workers' Union and its predecessor organisations. Mr Borowick is on a number of boards including Safe Work Australia; the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; National Workplace Relations Consultative Council; Defence Reserves Support Council; and H.E.S.T Australia Limited.





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# Luke McGregor

Luke is an Australian comedian and actor who first performed at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and has since had acting roles on TV shows such as Utopia and Rosehaven. We are delighted that he is joining us as our gala dinner entertainer this year, prepare for laughter!





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The Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation was established in honour of Biaggio Signorelli, founder of the Doltone House Group who passed away from Mesothelioma (Asbestos Cancer) in 2008.

Dedicated to the early detection, treatment and care of Mesothelioma sufferers, the foundation's mission is working towards a cure for the disease. Significant fundraising and research has been accomplished for the cause to date.



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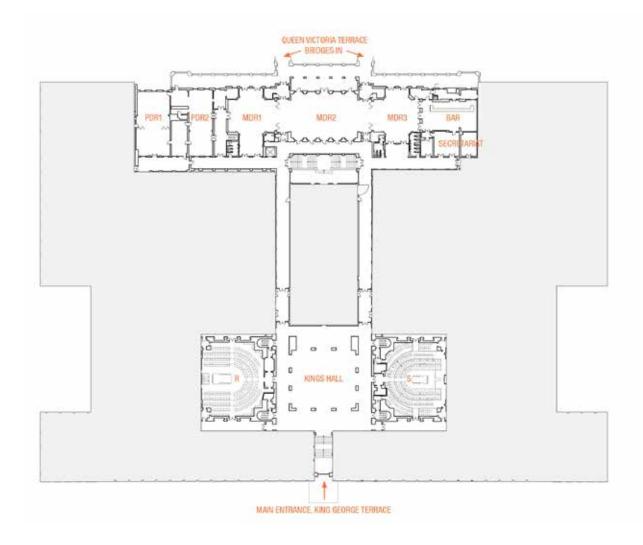
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# Summit Venue

Old Parliament House is rich in history and is a very unique setting for our summit this year. From 1927 to 1988 Old Parliament House was the home of the federal Parliament and was designed by John Smith Murdoch, the first Commonwealth government architect. The building has witnessed many significant events in Australia's parliamentary and political history and is an iconic landmark in our democratic journey.



The summit will begin with a pre-conference forum and welcome reception which will be held in Kings Hall. Access through main entrance, King George Terrace.

On Monday morning, please enter through the Queen Victoria Terrace. The main plenary session will be held in MDR 2&3 and the workshops will be held in MDR 1, PDR 2 and PDR 1.

On Monday evening, please enter via Queen Victoria Terrace where pre-drinks will be served before the gala dinner.

## Wifi

Delegates have access to Old Parliament House wifi during the summit. Ensure your wifi is on and select the MOADOPH network then accept the terms and conditions of usage. If you are on a phone or tablet this will automatically pop up, but on laptops you need to open a web browser.

# Public transport

The museum is accessible from Canberra's City Centre via ACTION. Take bus routes 2, 3 and 6 on weekdays and routes 934 and 935 on weekends and public holidays. Routes 2, 3, 934 and 935 stop on Parkes Place and route 6 stops on King George Terrace.

# Parking

At the back of the Old Parliament House, directly across the road to the left and right of Federation Mall, paid parking is available for the entire day, and costs \$12.00 per car.

Note that none of the parking spaces are undercover, none can be reserved in advance nor prepaid and all are administered and patrolled by the National Capital Authority regularly. This includes the Queen Victoria Terrace driveway space.



