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Special Guests



TEGHAN HUGHES

MC | Promotions Producer

Teghan Hughes will be joining us as the MC all day Thursday and during dinner. Teghan is a presenter, producer, sound engineer and local comedian.

She first arrived in Yuendumu in 2015 before moving to Mparntwe/Alice Springs and for the past 7 years has called Darwin home.

Teghan has done her fair share of MCing in the past including cross cultural festivals (Partijima) and many events including the NT Writers Festival. She claims the seafood is better in Darwin.



MAX FREDERICKS

Singer | Songwriter

Max Fredericks, much loved Darwin singer, song writer and entertainer will be joining us at the dinner on Thursday night. Max has travelled extensively around Australia and the world performing in various formats.

Max Fredricks is one of NT's best who has landed some pretty impressive supports over the years. These include: Powder Finger, Jet, Jimmy Barnes, Ian Moss, Cold Chisel, Screaming Jets, John Farnham and plenty more.

Speakers



MARK BOOTH

Director, BRM Advisory

Mark has an extensive background in senior management in the public and private sectors and holds positions on a number of public and private sector boards and committees.

As a consultant Mark has advised public and private sector organisations on projects across Australia and overseas. He has particular expertise in working with local government, the legal industry and in waste management.

Mark has a significant track record in advising local government in South Australia across the spectrum of issues a council must deal with and in working with professional service firms to meet the financial, human and technological challenges they face.

Mark is able to bring strong conceptual and analytical skills to assist his clients to deal with complex and strategic issues.



LESLIE MANDA

CEO, Central Desert Regional Council

Passionate, persistent and professional, Leslie Manda is an experienced executive with an extensive career in local and state government. Mr. Manda is the CEO at Central Desert Regional Council (CDRC). "My focus is on the relationships with our broad range of community and government stakeholders and on enhancing existing and developing new services to further improve Central Desert's value to our community, improve liveability and economic development" Mr. Manda said.

Mr. Manda's proudest achievement at the council: resetting and building a new culture.

"One of the key things that I heavily focus on is empowering my staff, as well as creating an environment for innovation. So there's no idea that's too left field that it can't be explored," he said.

"Creating that appetite within the workforce to always think outside of the box. I think that's the biggest focus and one of the most significant successes as an outcome for this whole process."

"I consider it an incredible privilege to be the CEO and to work with our team and elected members."

Speakers



SIMONE SAUNDERS

CEO, City of Darwin

Simone Saunders was appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City of Darwin in July 2022. Prior to taking up the role of Interim CEO in February 2022, Simone held the role of Chief Financial Officer (General Manager Corporate) since August 2020.

Prior to joining City of Darwin, Simone held roles with responsibility for broad corporate and commercial business areas both domestically and internationally. This includes 12 years with NT-based airline, Airnorth, where she initially commenced as their Chief Financial Officer and transitioned to the CEO role at the airline in 2010.

With more than 25 years' professional experience in both the public and private sectors, Simone is an innovative, versatile and passionate leader, with experience in the management and transformation of complex financial and commercial operations and systems. Driven by strategic leadership and organisational collaboration, Simone has played a key role in enhancing outcomes for teams, customers and the community.

Simone holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Griffith University and is a Chartered Accountant. She is a member of AICD, Charles Darwin University (CDU) Council and Chair of the CDU Audit Risk and Compliance Committee.



ANDREW WILSMORE

CEO, Alice Spring Town Council

Andrew joined Alice Springs Town Council in mid-2023 as the organisation's seventh CEO, bringing a wealth of executive knowledge to the role. He is a proven senior executive who has experience across a range of industries, including the retail, hospitality, tourism, and agricultural sectors which are important to the Alice Springs community.

He has worked across a diverse range of job functions including Chief Executive Officer, Head of Risk, Corporate Affairs and Advisory, Advocacy & Policy positions within the corporate sector and Industry Associations.

Andrew brings a wide range of skills to Alice Springs Town Council including business strategy development and execution, organisational and team cultural change abilities, talent development, operational management, financial and fiduciary skills.

Andrew enjoys working in difficult and challenging roles, and in multidisciplinary environments with credibility and integrity. He brings passion and commitment to Alice Springs Town Council.

Speakers



MARC GARDNER

CEO, Roper Gulf Regional Council

Marc was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in May 2022. Marc has over 25 years of experience working in Local Government and nearly 10 years' experience working at Roper Gulf Regional Council. During his time at Roper Gulf, Marc has worked in various executive positions, providing an enormous wealth of knowledge to the Council and its staff.

Marc's goal as CEO is to lead an organisation that values strategic congruence, focuses on safety, fosters a positive workplace culture, delivers high quality services to its constituents and supports altruistic endeavours.



INGRID STONHILL

CEO, Katherine Town Council

Ingrid Stonhill is Katherine Town Council's first female Chief Executive Officer in our 44-year history.

She became Council's CEO in February 2022, after spending four years with the Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation (BAC), where she was first Deputy CEO for six months, and then CEO. To take the BAC role, Ingrid left Australia's east coast and her job as CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia to relocate to the isolated and remote Aboriginal community of Maningrida, in West Arnhem Land.

Ingrid was also BAC's first female CEO. She led a whole-of-business structural change and management process to transform the not-for-profit organisation, previously in administration, into a multi-award-winning Indigenous business with a healthy surplus.

Ingrid's passion for community development and stakeholder engagement has seen her take volunteer roles in remote Fijian communities. She is also no stranger to local government responsibilities, having worked in and around local government for over 25 years.

Speakers



SALLY PFEIFFER

Assistant Secretary, CFI Partnerships Branch;
Counter Foreign Interference Coordination Centre;
National Security and Resilience Group;
Department of Home Affairs

Ms Pfeiffer has had a varied career in the Department of Home Affairs including IT, major procurement and contract management, immigration detention operations, immigration status resolution, character and cancellations program and the refugee and humanitarian visa program.

In September 2022 Ms Pfeiffer was appointed to the role of Assistant Secretary Counter Foreign Interference Partnerships within the Counter Foreign Interference Coordination Centre. Her key role is to lead the National Partnerships network to engage with stakeholders to raise awareness and build resilience to foreign interference threats. She also leads the International Partnerships team to engage with international partners to understand the international threat and risk environment and understand their CFI policy priorities, responses and legislative developments.



Chris Kempton

Executive Manager (NT), JLT Public Sector

JLT Public Sector has been providing value-enhancing risk transfer solutions, claims and risk management services for the Public Sector across Australia since 1972. During this time, we have grown to be the risk provider of choice for approximately 95% of local government Australia-wide.

JLT Public Sector has been servicing the Northern Territory for over 30 years, providing the innovative, long term and sustainable mutual risk product for LGANT and Member Councils through the NT Councils Discretionary Trust.

Speakers



LINDA SCOTT

President, Australian Local Government Association

Councillor Linda Scott GAICD is an experienced non-executive director and local government leader, currently serving as the President of the Australian Local Government Association. Linda represented Australia's 537 local governments on the National Reform Federation Council alongside the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers, and now represents local governments on the National Cabinet and the Council of Federal Financial Relations, where required, as well as on a range of intergovernmental bodies including the Joint Council on Closing The Gap and the Meeting of Infrastructure and Transport Ministers.

Linda is an accomplished non-executive Board Director and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is the Chair of CareSuper, an award-winning industry superannuation fund with \$20 billion under management, and as a Director of the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI). She also serves on a range of Government boards and advisory groups, including the NSW Environmental Trust and CSIRO's Ending Plastic Waste Mission.

Linda is also a Labor Councillor at the City of Sydney, first elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 and 2021. As a City of Sydney councillor, she has won new affordable housing, increased support for those experiencing homelessness, funding for new childcare centres and skate ramps, and spearheaded City action to fight racism and support refugees.



HON. NICOLE MANISON MLA

NT Minister for Mining and Industry, Minister for Northern Australia and Trade; and Minister for Tourism and Hospitality

Nicole is a born and bred Territorian, passionate about making a positive difference in her community.

Nicole has been the Member for Wanguri since 2013 and served as Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory since 2016. She currently holds the roles of Minister for Northern Australia and Trade, Minister for Mining and Industry, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, Minister for Advanced Manufacturing and Minister for Parks and Rangers.

Nicole is a proud local and grew up in the Wanguri electorate, before attending Curtin University and studying Journalism and Public Relations.

A strong contributor to public and community life, she has worked in the NT public sector and in the WA private sector in communications and human resources. She has also worked as a media adviser and a senior government adviser.

Speakers



CATHRYN TILMOUTH

Executive Director (Northern Australia), Mineral Council of Australia

Bio to come.



ELLY PATIRA

CEO, Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation

Elly is a First Nations woman with links to Gunai and Ngapuhi country.

She is a lawyer and policy advisor with broad experience across constitutional, Indigenous and minority rights law and policy, both domestically and internationally.

Elly holds a BA and JD from the University of Melbourne and a Masters in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford. She has worked in the public and corporate sectors, for Aboriginal organisations and within not-for-profits and is the founding director of Australian Lawyers for Remote Aboriginal Rights.

Speakers

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JOHN O’CONNOR

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JOHN PERRY & SCOTT MEAD

Directors, Mead Perry Group

Mead Perry Group (MPG) deliver services and solutions that enhance the performance of Local Government. Visionary, experienced and committed, we love helping our clients find practical solutions to complex problems and partnering with them to improve the communities we serve.

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Services MPG provides include: Corporate Governance, Financial Sustainability, Human Resource Management, Organisational Performance, and Retainer Agreements.

Speakers



NATASHA BRADSHAW

Associate, Grattan Institute's Transport and Cities Program

Natasha Bradshaw is an Associate in Grattan Institute's Transport and Cities Program. At Grattan, Natasha has co-authored publications on topics including fuel taxation and transport emissions-reduction policies. Her latest report, to be released later this year, is about how to better fund and maintain local roads.

Natasha previously worked at the Commonwealth Treasury across a range of structural reform and social policy topics. She holds an economics degree with first class honours from the University of New South Wales.



DR GEOFF ALLAN

Chief Executive, Austroads

Geoff is Austroads Chief Executive. Geoff has a strong interest in built environments and a passion to improve outcomes for the community. Geoff has served in a variety of senior government roles at the national and state level. This included Chief Operating Officer at the National Transport Commission and Executive Director Operational Support for Queensland Corrective Services.

Geoff has a master's degree in social science and a PhD in public sector management. The focus of his research was on improving public sector outcomes. Through his work in a variety of roles, Geoff has applied his understanding of the challenges of federation to get nationally consistent beneficial outcomes.

Geoff is Vice-President of PIARC (World Road Association) and leads Strategic Planning for PIARC. He also serves on the Council (Board) of the Centre for Professional Engineering Education (CPEE).

Speakers



PETER WASLEY

Managing Director, Northern Waste Reduction Services

Born & bred in Western Australia, Peter served 16 plus years in the RAAF, where his final posting was to RAAF Base Tindal. In 2003 he began civilian life in Katherine running his own tree maintenance business. Over time Peter has developed a passion for recycling and reducing the volume of waste going into landfill and when he created Northern Waste Reduction Services he purchased a slow speed grinder (Tana Shark), capable of shredding a variety of materials including tyres, mattresses, wooden pallets and Construction and Demolition Waste (concrete with re-bar, etc).

During this time Peter has also purchased two other high speed enabling him to provide shredding & grinding services for a number of NT councils and private organisations. Regular services are delivered on request to Councils as the stockpiles in Land Fill sites near capacity.

To facilitate a new tyre processing operation, Peter has purchased land; for which NT EPA have recently issued a licence to Collect, Transport, Store, Treat and Recycle end of life tyres. This will compliment the mobile service that is currently delivered in Darwin, Alice Springs and other NT centres.



DREW WAGNER

Chair, Regional Development Australia Northern Territory

Drew was the Executive Director of the Minerals Council of Australia NT Division from 2012 to 2021, moving to the Territory with his family from Queensland to run the peak industry body for the Territory's exploration, mining and minerals processing industry.

He has since branched out on his own to advance this industries contribution to regional development in multiple capacities.

In Queensland Drew led AgForce, an agricultural sector peak organisation. He has an extensive background, spanning over fifteen years, in industry representation across rural and regional Australia. Drew has worked in both the public and private sector; his focus has always been sustainability coupled with economic growth.

Speakers



HON. JOEL BOWDEN

NT Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Joel grew up in Alice Springs, and spent two years in Ernabella, a small community near the S.A. and N.T. border. After high school in Alice Springs I played AFL for Richmond Football Club, like my father Michael Bowden. I debuted for the Tigers in 1996 and was elected President of the AFL's Player's Association in 2006 and served for four years until my retirement in 2009. Alongside my AFL career, I hold a Bachelor of Education, a Master of Business Administration and am currently studying Laws at Charles Darwin University.

Joel is the current General Secretary at Unions NT and have previously worked with the Northern Territory Department of Tourism and Culture, AFLNT, as well as running my own hospitality and property development business in Victoria.



DREW WAGNER

CEO, Urban Development Institute of Australia NT

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Speakers



EMMA PETERS

Senior Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Local Buy

You may remember Emma from her previous tenure at Local Buy from 2015-2019 as Regional Client Relationship Manager increasing engagement, developing professional relationships and growing the use of Local Buy Arrangements throughout Queensland.

Hailing from Cornwall, UK but a proud Australian Citizen since 2015, Emma is positioned in Townsville and will cover the top half of the state from the Peak Down's Highway north and also the Northern Territory.

Since departing Local Buy, Emma has spent four years working as the Regional Manager for Master Builders and spent time in two Local Government Authorities giving her a robust insight into the operations of councils both large and small.

Emma is excited about returning to Local Buy and catching up with her Local Government customers both new and old, to discuss how procurement can be simplified through tech and data analytics program and sourcing Pre-Qualified Suppliers through Local Buy's 50+ Arrangements.



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Disaster Management Australia (DMA) is the nation's leading provider of comprehensive crisis response, recovery, and reconstruction solutions. Our expertise includes disaster planning and program design, rapid crisis response and logistics, recovery works including structural assessments and habitable repairs, and restoration works differentiated by high-volume case and contractor management. We support the communities we serve with compassion and a steadfast commitment to excellence.

Speakers



NAOMI READ

Head of nbn Local SA/NT; Regional Development and Engagement - nbn

Naomi Read is the Head of nbn Local SA/NT, a team with a dedicated focus on creating relationships and delivering engagement programs to increase digital capability and participation, and to enable the benefits of infrastructure upgrades for communities and businesses across Northern Territory.

Naomi's telecommunications career of 25+ years has included customer engagement and leadership roles within AAPT, Internode and more than 10 years at nbn. As passionate advocates for innovation and growth in the Territory, Naomi and the nbn team are pleased to participate in the 2023 LGA NT Convention.



BRIAN O'KEEFE

Senior Account Manager WA/SA/NT; New Developments - nbn

Brian is nbn's Senior Account Manager for New Developments, responsible for ensuring all new land developments and buildings in the NT can get access to nbn's fibre network.

Prior to nbn Brian spent 22 years with Telstra, including 4 years leading Telstra's NT team from Darwin. He's passionate about and experienced in delivery of Telecommunications and IT Australia wide, whether it's remote communities or metro areas.

Brian was born in Glasgow, is now based in Perth with his wife and two primary school aged children and remains a football (the round type) tragic, supporting Glasgow Celtic and still attempting to play masters.

Speakers



MATTHEW SZYMCZAK

Industry Chief Technology Office, Local Government, NFP and Agribusiness - Telstra

Matthew is an experienced digital leader with 30 years in digital / ICT, both public and private sectors. He has demonstrated success in identifying and delivering improvements across internal and external operational service through end-to-end digital service design and implementation.

Matthew has spent 17 years working in Local Government at senior level, was President of Municipal Association of Victoria "MAV" Technology for 3 years and executive committee for a further 5 years. He also held the role as Deputy Chair Director with ICT Geelong for 5 years.

With an MBA, leadership, marketing qualifications, including various industry technical accreditations, Matthew has a strong leadership and business acumen capabilities spanning all key business areas including ICT.

Matthew also has deep technical knowledge and experience in hands on digital development



ASHLEY GROVE

Business Development Manager; Satellite and Infrastructure - Vocus

Ashley's career, over the last two decades, has been concentrated in the telecommunications industry. He's been in project management roles delivering core terrestrial communications services for corporate and government customers, global networking roles designing international solutions including global data networks, voice and security services and over the last 8 years has been focused on satellite technology.

Today, Ashley is motivated by driving growth and creating innovation in the LEO Sat industry for Australia and the local region, capitalising on a revolutionary change in how satellite communication is delivered, deployed and consumed.

Speakers



JO CRUICKSHANK

Director Strategic Policy, Strategy, Policy and Legislation - Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Jo is the Director of Strategic Policy with the NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. Jo coordinates a small policy team focussing on transport policy including national transport reform, road safety, active transport and low and zero emission vehicles.

Jo has over 20 years experience working in transport and is passionate about active and sustainable transport and changing the way we travel.



WAYNE SANDERSON

Director NT Fleet - Department of Corporate and Digital Development

Wayne Sanderson joined the NTPS in 2003 after 20 years with the South Australian Government. He worked in many departments during this time, including completing his apprenticeship as a Heavy Vehicle Mechanic and six years as a Senior Investigator at the Nurses Board of South Australia.

In 2003 Wayne moved to Alice Springs and took on the role of Investigator with the Office of the Ombudsman NT. In 2005 he transferred to the Department of Justice as the Senior Licensing Inspector and regularly acted in the Deputy Director's role. In 2012 Wayne took on the role of Regional Manager Shared Services Client Liaison with the Department of Corporate and Information Services. Since October 2013 Wayne held the position of Director Regions which included functioning as the Commissioner's Representative, Alice Springs. Wayne moved into the Director NT Fleet role in 2021.

Wayne has vast experience in senior management positions across the public sector. Wayne has completed a Bachelor of Justice and Society (Flinders Uni.) and a Masters Degree in Indigenous Knowledges (CDU).

Speakers



JORDAN TUIT

NT Manager, HostPlus

Jordan Tuit is the Northern Territory Manager at Hostplus, a profit-to-member Industry SuperFund that continues to evolve as the lifetime fund of choice for all Australians, with over 1.68 million members, more than 290,000 employers and \$95.2 billion in funds under management. Jordan leads the Northern Territory Hostplus team overseeing a portfolio of 70 employers across a vast range of industries and more than 30,000 members throughout the region.

Jordan holds a Business Double Degree from the University of South Australia majoring in Finance and Management, an Advanced Diploma of Financial Planning, is an accredited Aged Care Specialist and a licensed financial planner.

At Hostplus, Jordan's key focus is expanding Hostplus' footprint across the Northern Territory to become one of the leading funds of choice for all Territorians.



OUR WATCH

Our Watch is a national leader in the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. Our Watch works to embed gender equality and prevent violence where Australians live, learn, work and socialise.

Our Watch is an independent not-for-profit organisation established in 2013 by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. Since that time, all State and Territories Governments have joined as members.

Our Watch was established under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 and continues under the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032.

Speakers



EMMA WHITE

A/CEO, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Emma White began her career as a social worker in Western Australia (WA) and has extensive experience working in remote and regional communities. Emma lead system wide reform and community co-design agendas.

Before joining Territory Families Housing and Communities in 2021, Emma held multiple leadership positions in remote and urban settings with the WA Government, including Director General Child Protection and Family Services.



PAUL BRUCE

Community Development Lead, AFL NT

With over two decades of experience, Paul has been instrumental in driving strategic and operational success within community sports.

In 2016, Paul established Left Field Sports allowing him to collaborate with numerous national and state sporting bodies, offering valuable insights into governance, organisational structure, people & culture, and sustainability. Paul engaged in partnerships with a range of sports bodies including Hockey Australia, Netball NSW, and Water Polo Australia.

During his time as CEO of Hockey NSW, Paul secured \$5 million in infrastructure funding from the NSW government, which fostered the sport's growth across greater Sydney.

In 2017, he led a review of competition structures developing a strategic plan to ensure the future growth and sustainability of competitions across the NT. This experience in Darwin further fueled his passion for working in the territory.

In July 2022, Paul joined AFLNT, taking on the newly created role of Community Venue Development Lead – NT. He is wholeheartedly committed to facilitating the procurement of new training and playing facilities throughout the Northern Territory. These facilities will not only support the growth of AFL but also provide space for use by other sports.

Speakers



SHANE MARSHALL

Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services, East Arnhem Regional Council

Shane joined East Arnhem Regional Council in 2010 as the Building Infrastructure Manager. In May 2012, he was promoted to the role of Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Shane is known for being a man of few words. When he is not starting his workday bright and early in the office, you can find him enjoying his passion for fishing at his beloved "secret fishing holes."



MADELEINE KELSO BVSC

Veterinarian and Animal Control Manager, East Arnhem Regional Council

Dr Madeleine Kelso is the Veterinarian/Animal Control Manager for East Arnhem Regional Council and has worked in this position since 2017. She has worked as a veterinarian for over 12 years in remote or regional parts of Northern Australia. She is passionate about One Health and empowering communities to actively improve the health and wellbeing of their animals and household.

Madeleine leads the EARC Animal Management Program which is made up of a dedicated small team of Veterinarians, Veterinary Nurses and Animal Management Workers and services all nine EARC communities.

Madeleine just attended the AIAM (Australian Institute of Animal Management) conference and was thrilled to accept the award for best 'Regional and Remote Animal Management Program or Initiative' on behalf of the EARC in October 2023.

Speakers



AMY CRAWFORD

CEO, Australian Local Government Association

Amy Crawford became CEO of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in August 2023.

Prior to her appointment, Amy spent over a year working for the Federal Minister for Local Government, the Hon Kristy McBain, as her senior adviser for regional policy.

Amy has enjoyed a 20 year career in the Australian Public Service where she previously worked for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, the Department of Social Services.

Her career includes over 10 years' of service in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. During that time, she worked on a wide range of areas including migration reforms, natural disaster reforms, regional grants programs and pandemic preparation.



SAMANTHA RATLEY

President, Local Government Professionals Northern Territory

Samantha's local government career commenced 18 years ago in NSW where she gained valuable experience with Midcoast Council before moving to Narrabri Shire Council. In December 2020 Samantha moved to Darwin and joined the Planning and Performance Team and City of Darwin.

Samantha's involvement with Local Government Professionals dates back to 2014, where she was an active member of LGPro NSW. She was a member of the NextGen Executive Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. Samantha hopes to establish a NextGen movement within LGPro NT and invites any young local government professionals to reach out to her with their interests.

Speakers



LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

ALLAN GIRDLER

A/Director - Aboriginal Interpretive Service,
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Allan Girdler is currently the acting Director Aboriginal Interpreter Service with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet. In his capacity Allan is responsible for the provision of leadership and support to build the capacity and capabilities of the AIS, and the Northern Territory Government's commitment to bi-lingual communication and engagement across the regions.

AIS is a key priority of government, and requires coordination across all NT Government agencies and strong partnering with the Australian Government, Aboriginal peak bodies, community organisations and the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

Allan is a proud Aboriginal man, born in Katherine, Northern Territory.

Speakers



IAIN LOGANATHAN

Electoral Commissioner, Northern Territory Electoral Commission

Iain Loganathan is the NT Electoral Commissioner and has been in that role since 2014. In that role he has been responsible for the conduct of Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections.

Iain was a member of the committee that did the representation review of Local Government boundaries last year that will take affect at the 2025 Local Government election.

Iain was previously the Territory Manager of the Australian Electoral Commission's Northern Territory Office.

