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MS SHIRLEY McPHERSON, *Chairperson*

Born in Perth and raised in the Murchison region of WA, Ms McPherson is a chartered accountant and a board member of First Australians in Business.

Ms McPherson has held senior positions in the private, government and university sectors and has a wealth of experience at the regional, national and international levels of government in program delivery and private business development. Ms McPherson has worked as a consultant to the mining industry in negotiating land use agreements in the Pilbara and Goldfields areas of WA, was formerly the Chair of the Aboriginal Development Corporation, a past director of the Indigenous Business Network, has worked as a mediator for the National Native Title Tribunal and is a past director of KPMG Management Consulting Services.

Ms McPherson is a member of the Australian delegation to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples. Other professional and key associations held include:

- Associate – Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
- Certified Practising Accountant – Australian Society of CPAs
- Member of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA, on behalf of the ILC; and
- Member of the Senate of Murdoch University.

Ms McPherson was appointed to the ILC's Board as Chairperson in August 2001, and reappointed in August 2004 for a further three years.



MR WILLIAM (SAM) JEFFRIES JP, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Jeffries is a proud Moorawoori man, born and raised in Brewarrina, the youngest of seven children. He has been involved in Aboriginal Affairs since leaving school. Mr Jeffries spent twenty years in Lightning Ridge in far north western NSW establishing the CDEP project, and purchased other commercial businesses there to give the community an economic platform.

Mr Jeffries has held a range of senior positions including: Walgett Shire Councillor from 1999 to 2003, ATSIC Councillor from 1990 to 2005, Chairperson of the Murdi Paaki Regional Council from 1996 to 2005, Board member of the Aboriginal Housing Office from 1998 to 2005, and Chairperson of the NSW ATSIC State Council from 2002 to 2005.

Current appointments include: Chairperson of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, Board Member of the Western Catchment Management Authority, Panel Member of the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme, and Chairperson of the National Aboriginal Sports Corporation Australia.

Mr Jeffries was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 for services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Murdi Paaki Region. His interests lie in building the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, with a priority on governance.

Mr Jeffries was appointed to the Board as Deputy Chairperson in August 2004 for three years.



MR DAVID BAFFSKY, AO

Mr Baffsky is Chairperson of Accor Asia Pacific, the largest hotel and tourism company in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. The company employs more than 12,000 people in Australia, and launched a pioneering Indigenous Employment Program with the Australian Government, which provides long-term career opportunities for more than 100 Indigenous Australians. Accor's affiliate, Eurest Australia, has also introduced an Indigenous employment initiative.

Mr Baffsky has had extensive experience in business management. A graduate in law from the University of Sydney, Mr Baffsky is also a director of Tourism Asset Holdings Limited and a life member of the Tourism Task Force. He was a member of the Australian Government's Round Table on Sustainable Development. He is a member of the National Tourism Infrastructure Investment Consultative Group, and the Business Government Advisory Group on National Security. He is a Director of the NSW Government's Major Events Board, and was Co-Chairperson of the National Indigenous Leadership Group for Tourism. He was a member of the Australian Government's Beef Management Quota Panel. In 2005, he was appointed a Trustee of the Art Gallery of NSW.

Mr Baffsky works with a number of charitable and non-profit groups. He joined the Executive Committee of the CARE Australia Corporate Council and is an active supporter of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. In June 2001, Mr Baffsky was made an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia. The award was made for his 'service to tourism, particularly in relation to industry development, service provision and employment generation, and to the community through medical research, humanitarian relief and social welfare organisations'.

In 2004, Mr Baffsky was awarded Asia Pacific Hotelier of the Year.

Mr Baffsky was appointed to the ILC's Board in August 1999, and reappointed in August 2004 for a further three years.



MR KEVIN DRISCOLL, CBE OBE

Mr Driscoll is a businessman with extensive experience in the building and construction industry, both in business and property investment. In 2005, he celebrated fifty years of the establishment of the Driscoll Group of business interests. He is Chairman of Directors of his own family companies: the Driscoll Group, National Homes Pty Ltd, Driscoll Pastoral Company, Executive Air and hotel interests. He has extensive pastoral interests in central Queensland.

Mr Driscoll organised and was the founding President of the Queensland Home Builders' Association, which later merged with the Queensland Housing Industry Association; he was elected the combined organisation's first President.

He was elected National President of the Housing Industry Association in 1966 and served until 1968. In 1968, he was awarded life membership of the Australian Housing Industry Association. In 1972, he was appointed as a Director of the Australian Housing Corporation – an Australian Government instrumentality. He was a member of the Companies and Securities Advisory Board from 1989 to 1996. He was a Director of World Expo 1988, and a Board Member of the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation. He was also Deputy Chair of the Lang Park Trust (Suncorp Stadium) from 1991 to 1995. He was an original member of the Board of the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation. Mr Driscoll is currently the Chairman of the Business Enterprise Committee of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

In 1980, Mr Driscoll was awarded the Order of the British Empire and, in 1987, was made a Commander of the British Empire. Mr Driscoll has been a Justice of the Peace for fifty-two years. He is also a contributor to many charities and research foundations.

Mr Driscoll was appointed to the ILC's Board in March 1998 and reappointed in August 2004 for a further three years.

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MS NORMA INGRAM

Ms Norma Ingram, a member of the Wiradjuri nation, was born, the youngest of eleven children, on an Aboriginal Reserve in central New South Wales.

Ms Ingram has been actively involved in Aboriginal affairs for over thirty years, mainly in the inner city region of Sydney. She is a founding member of the Murawina Aboriginal Pre-school. Ms Ingram also has been a member of the Aboriginal Medical Service, the Aboriginal Housing Company and Aboriginal Children's Services. She is currently a Board member of the Wyanga Aboriginal Elders program.

Ms Ingram has been employed as a lecturer at the University of Technology; an employee relations manager at QANTAS Airways Ltd, managing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and training strategy; and was formerly the Executive Director of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Ms Ingram graduated from Harvard University with a Masters Degree in Education, and has always been an advocate of education and enterprise development for Aboriginal people.

Ms Ingram is currently seconded from the NSW Premier's Department to the Redfern Waterloo Authority. Her role is to work with the whole community on delivery of human services, with particular focus on Aboriginal issues.

Ms Ingram is the Chairperson of the ILC Board's Towns and Cities Land Needs Committee which deals with social and urban issues regarding the dispossession of Indigenous people in Australia. She considers that her current employment position and her role on the ILC's Board enhance each other in terms of service delivery to Aboriginal people.

Ms Ingram was appointed to the ILC's Board in August 2001, and reappointed in August 2004 for a further three years.



MR MAX GORRINGE

Mr Max Gorringe is Station Manager at Elsey Station in the Northern Territory where he lives with his family.

Mr Gorringe has been involved in the cattle industry all his life. His parents worked as drovers for the Kidman Cattle Company, and Mr Gorringe worked for Kidmans after leaving school and into his early twenties.

After marrying, he and his wife lived and worked on cattle stations in the Channel Country of far south west Queensland. They moved to the Northern Territory in 1990 where Mr Gorringe worked as head stockman and overseer.

Mr Gorringe enjoys the challenges of managing an Aboriginal station. He gets great satisfaction from Elsey Station's achievements over the time he and his family have been there, noting that the station's traditional owners are very proud to see where Elsey is heading.

Mr Gorringe has been involved in the Roper River Landcare Group, as Chairman and then member; the Mataranka Bushman's Carnival and the Gulf Bushfire Council.

Mr Gorringe was appointed to the ILC's Board in October 2005 for two years.



MR IAN TRUST

Mr Trust is an Executive Director (community appointment for Yawooroong) of the Wunan Foundation, an East Kimberly community organisation, which builds the capacity of programs to improve socio-economic outcomes for Indigenous people of the region.

He has a strong and coherent vision of a better future for Indigenous people in the East Kimberly – a future beyond welfare and government dependency. Mr Trust has worked tirelessly to progress this vision through initiatives such as the ATSIC Regional Council's future building strategy, the Wunan Regional Council Awards for Excellence, Kimberley Group Training, and reforms in the Aboriginal housing and infrastructure sector.

Mr Trust has previously held senior management roles in Indigenous affairs and, in particular, health. He was founding Chairman of Wunan Foundation from 1997 to 2003 and is a former ATSIC Commissioner for the Kimberley region.

He is also a member of the boards of the Kimberley College of TAFE, Kimberley Group Training, and Indigenous Business Australia.

Mr Trust was appointed to the ILC's Board in October 2005 for two years.