

ILC Board

Sharon Firebrace [Chairperson]

Ms Firebrace, a Melbourne University Education graduate, has represented Australia's Indigenous people and promoted Indigenous economic and social advancement within Australia and at international forums in Africa, China, Singapore and the USA. She was a founding Director of the Australian Council of Businesswomen. Ms Firebrace was awarded the title of Victorian and Australian National Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year 1993-1994 and inducted into the Australian Businesswomen's Network Businesswomen's Hall of Fame in 1998.



Ms Firebrace maintains involvement as Deputy Chairperson of the Addiction Research Institute and was a past Director of the MacFarlane Burnet Centre for Medical Research and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation. She is also a former Executive Director of the Koori Research Centre, Monash University.

Her term as ILC Chairperson expires in August 2001.

Clem Riley [Deputy Chairperson]

Mr Clem Riley has extensive experience working in Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia. A Noongar man from Wikepin, Mr Riley worked as a consultant to the Noongar Land Council in the area of native title rights. He has extensive experience in



Indigenous community and business development, housing and legal services in various organisations which assist the Noongar people of his region.

A former Chairperson of the ATSIC Perth Noongar Regional Council, Mr Riley is the current Chairperson of the Western Australian Aboriginal Lands Trust. He is also the Chairperson of LEA.

Mr Riley was appointed to the Board in August 1999.

Steven Gordon



Mr Steven Gordon was re-elected Commissioner for his fourth consecutive term—an achievement unmatched in ATSIC's 10-year history. He has been taking stands for workers' rights since, at the age of 19, he refused to be paid in tobacco and demanded cash for a stint in a western New South Wales shearing shed. Since then he has been a vocal union voice and forceful advocate of Aboriginal rights.

He was the first Aboriginal Ombudsman in New South Wales. In Brewarrina, where he lives, he has held office with the legal service and a housing cooperative. In June 1997 he became the first Aboriginal elected representative to address the NSW Parliament. A second-term councillor on Brewarrina Shire Council, Commissioner Gordon was one of only 16 Aboriginal candidates to win a place in the NSW municipal elections held in 1999.

He sees one of the major issues as the need to rebuild community values in Indigenous communities. Portfolio responsibilities on the Board: Communication, Broadcasting and Media.

Mr Gordon is the ATSIC Nominee on the ILC Board for the period of his current term as an ATSIC Commissioner.



Kevin Driscoll CBE

Mr Driscoll is a business operator with extensive experience in the building and construction industry and in business and property investment.

He is a founding member and first President of several industry organisations, including the ALP Youth Movement Queensland and the Housing Industry Association Queensland. Mr Driscoll has also served as the National President of the Housing Industry Association and as a member of the Australian Housing Corporation Board and the Companies and Securities

Advisory Board.

Mr Driscoll has extensive experience on boards of management and is Chairperson of Directors of his own companies, National Homes Pty Ltd, Driscoll Pastoral Company, Executive Air and the Driscoll Hotels Group. He is currently a Director of the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation.

Mr Driscoll was appointed to the Board in March 1998.

Lois Peeler

Ms Lois Peeler is from the Yorta Yorta tribe and has a long involvement in Aboriginal community affairs. She is in her fourth consecutive term as an elected representative of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, having served two consecutive terms as Regional Council Chairperson.

Ms Peeler has held senior positions at both community and public sector levels. Her entry into the public sector was through the Victorian Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands. Ms Peeler was the first Aboriginal woman to hold a senior management position in the Victorian Public Service when she had responsibility for the coordination of the government's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the Public Service.



Ms Peeler is Chairperson of the Greenhills Foundation supporting Aboriginal education, Chairperson of the Aboriginal Tourism Council and a member of the steering committee of First Nations Advantage Credit Union.

Ms Peeler is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australian Institute of Credit Union Directors, the Australian Institute of Management and the International Women's Federation of Business and Commerce.

Ms Peeler was appointed to the Board in 1998 for a three year term.



David Baffsky AO

Mr David Baffsky is Chairperson of ACCOR Asia Pacific, the largest hotel and tourism company in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. The company employs over 10,000 people in Australia, and recently launched its pioneering Indigenous Employment Programme, which will provide long-term career opportunities for more than 100 Indigenous Australians. Accor's affiliate, Eurest Australia, of which he is also the chairperson has also introduced an Indigenous employment initiative for a similar number of positions.

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 founding member of the Singapore International Advisory Council for Tourism.

He is a Director of the Bundanon Trust, a Director of the NSW Government's Major Events Board and the Co-Chairperson of the National Indigenous Leadership Group for Tourism.

Mr Baffsky works with a number of charitable and non-profit groups – he recently 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

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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".

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Geoff Clark

Mr Geoff Clark was elected Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) on 16 December 1999. He is the first Chairperson of ATSIC to be elected (former Chairs were appointed by the Government).

Mr Clark is from the Tjapwurrong tribe of Western Victoria. He lives at the Framlingham Aboriginal Community near Warrnambool in Victoria and was Administrator of the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust for 17 years prior to his election as an ATSIC Commissioner in 1996.



Mr Clark has been involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs for over 20 years, in a variety of local community, state, national, and international forums. He is a member of the Indigenous Peoples' Organisation on International Issues, and Vice-Chairperson of the Aboriginal Provisional Government.

Mr Clark becomes an ex officio member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and an ex officio member of the Indigenous Land Corporation Board during his term as ATSIC Chairperson.