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## Current Board



### Ms Shirley McPherson – Chairperson

Ms McPherson, a chartered accountant, is director of the Indigenous Business Network and a board member of First Australians in Business. She is currently employed with Portman Iron Ore to negotiate Indigenous Land Use Agreements in WA.

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.

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



### Mr William (Sam) Jeffries JP – Deputy Chair

Mr Jeffries is a proud Moorauroori man, born and raised in Brewarrina as 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 in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with a priority on governance.

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



### Ms Norma Ingram

Ms Ingram, a member of the Wiradjuri nation, was born the youngest of eleven children on an Aboriginal Reserve in central NSW. She is a graduate from Harvard University with a Masters Degree in Education and a strong advocate of education and enterprise development for Indigenous people.

Ms Ingram has been actively involved in Aboriginal affairs for over thirty years, mainly in the inner city of Sydney. She was a founding member of the Murawina Aboriginal Pre-school and a member of the Aboriginal Medical Service, the Aboriginal Housing Company and Aboriginal Children's Services. Ms Ingram has also been 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 the Executive Director of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. She has recently accepted the position of Deputy Chair of the Wyanga Aboriginal Elders program.

Ms Ingram is employed by the NSW Premier's Department as Project Manager for the Strategic Projects Division. Her role is to advise the Department on the major social and economic issues that concern the Aboriginal people of NSW. Much of the work that she is undertaking at the NSW Government aligns with her involvement as Chair of the ILC's Towns and Cities Land Needs Committee, which is concerned with the dispossession of Indigenous people in urban Australia.

Ms Ingram is currently seconded to the Redfern Waterloo Authority, a NSW State Government authority, and her work especially focuses on the Aboriginal community in Redfern.

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



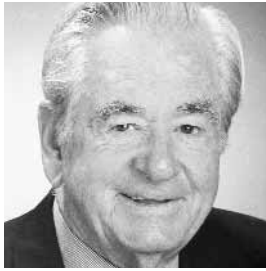
### Mr David Baffsky AO

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 people.

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 is a member of the Federal Government's Round Table on Sustainable Development; 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.

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 Board in August 1999 and reappointed in August 2004 for a further three years.



### Mr Kevin Driscoll CBE

Mr Kevin 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 from 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 was a founding member of the Queensland Home Builders Association and first President of the Queensland branch of the Housing Industry Association. 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, 1989-1996. 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) 1991-1995. He was an original member of the Board of the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation.

Mr Driscoll was appointed Director of the Indigenous Land Corporation in 1998 and 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 (OBE) and, in 1987, was made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE). 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 Board in March 1998 and reappointed in August 2004 for a further three years.

## Ceased to be Directors in 2004–2005

### Mr Clem Riley – formerly Deputy Chairperson

Mr 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 Chairman of the ATSIC Perth Noongar Regional Council, Mr Riley was also the former Chairman of the Western Australian Aboriginal Lands Trust.

Mr Riley was appointed to the ILC Board in August 1999 and his term expired on 30 August 2004.



### Mr Geoff Clark

Mr Clark became ATSIC's first elected Chairman on 16 December 1999. Mr Clark was an ex officio member of the ILC Board until ATSIC was abolished on 24 March 2004.

Mr Clark is from the Tjapwurrong tribe of Western VIC. He lives at the Framlingham Aboriginal Community near Warrnambool in VIC and was Administrator of the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust for seventeen 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 twenty 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-Chairman of the Aboriginal Provisional Government.



### Mr Steve Gordon

Mr Gordon was elected Commissioner for four consecutive terms – an achievement unmatched in ATSIC's ten-year history. He has been taking stands for Aboriginal workers rights since, at the age of nineteen, he refused to be paid in tobacco and demanded cash for a stint in a western NSW 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. Mr Gordon also served on the Brewarrina Shire Council for two terms.

Mr Gordon was the ATSIC nominee on the ILC Board for the period of his term as an ATSIC Commissioner.

Mr Gordon's position on the Board ceased on 24 March 2005 as a result of the abolition of ATSIC.

