

ADVISORY GROUP



Miranda Taylor

CEO, National Energy Resources Australia

Miranda is a strategic and adaptive leader driving collaboration and innovation to improve productivity performance of the energy resources sector and to decarbonise, diversify and digitise and transform Australia's economy through the commercialisation of low emissions and smart technology supply chains.

CEO of NERA since its inception in 2016, Miranda brings a deep and broad range of energy and resources industry experience, skills and capabilities. Her leadership of NERA is bringing together the country's best minds from technology, research and enterprise to achieve NERA's vision of Australia as a global energy powerhouse, a sought-after destination of investment and leading source of knowledge and solutions.



Nick Chiarelli

CEO and Co-founder, Ocean Impact Organisation

Nick is the CEO and Co-founder of OIO (Ocean Impact Organisation). OIO is an Australian charity and startup accelerator with a mission to transform ocean health through inspiration, innovation, and good business.

OIO launched in early 2020 and provides a range of startup programs, mentoring, and support to help people to start, grow and invest in businesses that improve ocean health. OIO has a five year target of accelerating 100 startups that improve ocean health.

Nick has held a number of traditional finance, operations and strategy roles over the last 20 years, and now firmly believes that a new dawn of 'purpose business' is necessary in order to achieve the type of rapid and mass change required to achieve a sustainable future.



Louise Watson

Country Head Australia and New Zealand Natixis Investment Managers Australia

Louise is Country Head for Natixis Investment Managers, Australia and New Zealand. With over 20 years' experience in investment banking and asset management, she has worked across multiple geographies and asset classes. In her role, Louise drives the strategic goals of Natixis Investment Managers, offering high quality offshore alternative and ESG strategies to Australian investors from Natixis' affiliate network.

Louise is a member of the Association of Superannuation Funds Australia (ASFA) as well as the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA). She plays an active role in championing women at various stages of their careers in finance through her work with Women in Super, Women in Investments and the University of New South Wales Alternative Investment Society's Female Mentoring Program. Outside of these roles, Louise contributes to The Benevolent Society through her role on the Investment Committee and ESG sub-committee as well as being a member of the Advisory Board at Folklore Ventures.



Greg Johannes

Chair, Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre

Greg chairs the Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre, which brings together more than forty participants across ten countries to conduct research to underpin sustainable offshore aquaculture and renewable energy production. He also chairs the Australian Antarctic Program Partnership, is a member (ex-officio) of the Australian Antarctic Science Council, and is an Ambassador for The SEA People, a field-based NGO supporting community-based marine conservation in Raja Ampat.

Over his career Greg has worked at the highest levels of public administration in areas including economic development and climate change. He was previously the Head of the State Service in Tasmania and Secretary of the State's Department of Premier and Cabinet. Greg is also a previous longstanding director of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and the (former) Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre.

The son of a marine biologist, Greg is passionate about the oceans and spends as much time as he can in, on, under or next to the water.



Veronica Papacosta

CEO, Seafood Industry Australia

Veronica is the CEO of Seafood Industry Australia (SIA), Managing Director of Sydney Fresh Seafood (Aust) Pty Ltd, a member of the National Fisheries Advisory Council, and a passionate advocate for the Australian seafood industry.

Sydney Fresh Seafood is a fresh seafood retail and hospitality business currently operating 18 stores across NSW and QLD. Established in 1978, Sydney Fresh is still a family run business which now employs more than 210 people and is ever growing and innovating to meet the rapidly shifting retail environment and consumer expectations.

Veronica led the membership drive to establish SIA - the first ever national peak body to represent the interests of the wild catch, aquaculture and post-harvest sectors of the Australia seafood industry. Established in May 2017, SIA is the unifying voice of Australian seafood. Social licence, resource access and positive media representation are key strategic activities of SIA.

Veronica has a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney University, a Diploma in Event Management from University of Technology, Sydney, and is a very proud graduate of the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program (NSILP) 2015.



Jas Chambers

Chair, Ocean Decade Australia

Jas Chambers is Chair and a Co-Founder of Ocean Decade Australia, a not-for-profit charitable organisation that is connecting Australia's ocean stakeholders through new and novel approaches to bring about national change and improvement in our approach to ocean management, stewardship, and use.

Jas is committed to learning and sharing knowledge about the Sustainable Development Goals, and in particular SDG14 - Life below Water. Jas has worked in Australian higher education and government in senior leadership roles across STEM operations and organisational transformation, communications, and international science diplomacy including with United Nations Specialized Agencies and the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, representing Australia.

Jas as is a graduate of marine science, psychology and communications, and serves as Secretary to Science & Technology Australia, Chair of the Sydney Institute for Marine Science Foundation and the Board Member of the Grok Academy.



Andra Müller

Director and Founder, Jewelrock Producer and Strategic Partnerships Facilitator, Ocean Business Leaders Summit

Andra Müller is the Director and Founder of Jewelrock. Her zeal is helping organisations and communities achieve growth through the power of networking and connecting, while driving successful commercial outcomes in the production of her clients' events via sponsorships and strategic partnerships.

Since moving to Australia from South Africa 21 years ago, Andra has built great rapport with business leaders, eminent influencers and senior executives through roles in business development in corporate publishing and small to large scale event production. She has worked closely with many recognised global and Australian organisations, state and federal government departments and Australian universities and research institutes to deliver strategic engagement and partnership solutions.

Andra is a perfectionist with a keen eye for detail. She has an innate ability to connect with audiences and build communities, a flair for producing unique intimate to large scale events, securing corporate partnerships and sponsorships and an unwavering commitment to providing clients with outstanding levels of service.



Terence Jeyaretnam

Partner, EY's Climate Change and Sustainability Services

Terence Jeyaretnam is a Partner with EY's Climate Change and Sustainability team based in Melbourne and EY Australia's Reconciliation Leader. Terence is an environmental engineer and an environmental and sustainability advisory and assurance specialist with over twenty-five years' experience in advising governments and corporations on sustainability issues.

Until its acquisition by EY in 2014, Terence was Founder/ Executive Director of Net Balance, Australia's largest standalone sustainability and climate change practice at the time, one of Australia's first B Corporations, twice-rated by Business Review Weekly as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies in Australia.

Terence is a non-executive director of Global Citizen (Australia), Fairtrade Australia New Zealand, Food Frontier and Legal Sector Alliance and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern Queensland. He acts as a Senior Advisor for SASB (Sustainability Accounting Standards Board) in Australia and is a member of the Technical Working Group of CDSB (Carbon Disclosure Standards Board).



Dr Sue Barrell AO FSTE

Earth System Scientist

Dr Sue Barrell is committed to science leadership, mentoring and advocacy, both within Australia and internationally. Sue retired in late 2018 from the role of Chief Scientist, and Group Executive, Science and Innovation, at the Bureau of Meteorology, after a long and diverse career with the Bureau, spanning forecasting, research, climate monitoring, science policy, earth observations and executive leadership. She maintains an honorary affiliation with the Bureau.

Through her career, Sue has contributed to and/or led many international science and policy initiatives spanning the work of UNFCCC/SBSTA, IPCC, WMO and GEO. She continues to be actively engaged in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on coordination and integration of earth observations and on data, data sharing and data policy. Nationally, Sue chairs and/or contributes to a wide variety of boards and other governance/advisory bodies across the STEM and education sector, with a focus on enabling research through data and infrastructure.

Through these roles, as well as through mentoring and advocacy, Sue passionately supports the advancement of women in STEM, the uptake of more inclusive practices across the STEM sector and the increased application of science-based evidence in decision-making and policy development, especially in managing environmental risk and responding to the very real threat of climate change.

Sue was recognised as a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) in 2013 and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In 2017-18, Sue was an inaugural STA Superstar of STEM. Sue was included in the 2022 Australia Day Honours as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO). Sue was recognised for distinguished service to earth science through meteorology and research organisations.



Dr Tony Worby

Director, Flourishing Oceans - Minderoo Foundation

Dr Tony Worby joined Minderoo Foundation in July 2020 as Director of Flourishing Oceans, and since March 2022 also leads the organisation's Planet Portfolio. Prior to this appointment, he was Director of Oceans and Atmosphere at Australia's national research agency, CSIRO, where he led a team of 600+ scientists and technical staff.

Dr Worby completed a PhD studying sea ice physics on the role of Antarctic sea ice in the global climate system at the University of Tasmania (1998) and worked for 20+ years as a research scientist with the Australian Antarctic program. He has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed scientific papers, visited Antarctica 17 times and participated in more than a dozen multi-disciplinary marine science programs in the sea ice zone. He was Voyage Leader or Chief Scientist on many of these voyages and has a deep understanding of marine science and maritime operations.

He has served as Chair of Australia's National Marine Science Committee, the Australian Academy of Science's National Committee on Antarctic Research, and the Earth Systems and Climate Change Committee for Australia's National Environmental Science Program. He has served in an advisory capacity to State and Federal governments, and as co-Chair of the World Climate Research Program's Cryosphere and Climate committee.

Dr Worby was a Fulbright Scholar at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Centre in Washington DC in 2000. He is now based in Perth, Western Australia.



Shane Phillips

CEO, Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation

Shane Phillips is the CEO of Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation and has cultural connections to Bunjalong, Wonnarua and Gringai communities.

Shane is a strong community leader and spokesperson. He is passionate about the importance of empowering Aboriginal people and is a dedicated contributor to a range of community organisations.

Prior to his appointment as CEO of Tribal Warrior, Shane's career included roles working with young people in child protection, juvenile justice and the law, including working with the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody as a community liaison officer under the Honourable Justice Hal Wooten. Tribal Warrior has been in the maritime industry for 22 years.

A proud father of four, he is passionate about empowerment and self-determination of Aboriginal youth. Most recently Shane entered the Royal Australian Air Force as a Flight Lieutenant, with a focus on community engagement and recruiting more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the Air Force.



Dr Lucy Buxton

Board Director, Ocean Decade Australia

Lucy Buxton works across scientific research, strategy and external engagement. As a researcher she held positions at several international marine research facilities and worked in areas spanning marine toxicology, coral biology, fisheries and science policy. She has contributed to large scale international research initiatives exploring the linkages between ocean health and human health that have led to improvements in natural resource management, early public health intervention and environmental protection policies.

Lucy has worked in professional leadership roles in the Australian higher education sector for 15 years leading science engagement, research strategy, international partnerships, innovation and business development. A passionate communicator and collaborator, Lucy regularly works with the public and private sectors to increase scientific understanding, stakeholder engagement and implementation of sustainable practices industry and communities. She contributes to several boards and committees in the education and not for profit sectors.

Lucy is a Board Director of Ocean Decade Australia, committed to connecting Australia's diverse ocean stakeholders, in support of the United Nations declared Ocean Decade 2021 - 2030.

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