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### **Ian Wiskin** B.A., LL.B

Ian Wiskin is a lawyer with over 30 years' of practical experience in acting for corporations seeking government approvals, licences and leases in a wide range of industries.

He specialises in corporate, political and legislative advice; project management; acts as a direct advocate for corporations and industry organisations to government, community and commercial enterprises; and specialises in environment and planning matters.

Prior to the establishment of The Fifth Estate he was the principal of Corporate Advocacy International, which has operated a commercial advocacy business since 1982 and has representative offices in Washington, London, Brussels and Auckland.

Mr Wiskin has provided direct, board-level strategic and financial advice to a number of major corporations. In particular he has arranged and co-ordinated the project approvals, funding and construction of a range of ventures, including the Brisbane Casino and a number of major resource projects.

Mr Wiskin commenced his professional career as Adviser to the Leader of the Opposition on foreign affairs and defence in 1975 and transferring to the Prime Minister's Office in December 1975, with responsibility for development projects and associated policy implementation. In 1978 he was seconded to the Australian Embassy in Washington.

He was also employed by the Cabinet Secretariat and seconded to a number of Commonwealth Ministers to manage policy development and implementation from a political perspective.

In 1979 he became a registered foreign agent representing the interests of commercial organisations in Washington.

In 1981 Mr Wiskin joined the international public affairs company, Burson Marsteller Inc and became Corporate Affairs Director - Asia and Australasia and represented the interests of many Fortune 500 companies to national governments within the Asia Pacific region.

In 1983 he returned to private practice and in 1985 Mr Wiskin was appointed Executive Director, NSW Chamber of Mines, Metals & Extractive Industries through a management contract and continued in that position until 1988.

Since then he has specialised in managing development approvals for complex and contentious projects, including the management of environmental approvals, political and public advocacy, legal representation and advocacy before the Land & Environment Court and Commissions of Inquiry. He has also acted as project manager for major developments in the mining, tourism and casino industries.

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