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BACKGROUND

Ben is a Senior Advisor on the Proximity team. He has excelled in providing advice to all levels of the Australian Government in a range of areas, including ICT procurement, national security, human rights, international law as well as Cabinet and other government processes.

Ben is experienced in delivering projects and programs providing technology enabled transformations to the Government sector. Ben has project managed high risk and complex engagements as well as acting as subject matter expert in Government and Cabinet processes.

Prior to joining Proximity, Ben was a Senior Manager at PwC within the Technology, Strategy, Alliances and Delivery consulting group. In this role he recently managed a team responsible for the development of the business case and supporting documents for a major Defence IT infrastructure project. Ben also managed a project to assist CrimTrac prepare to go to market for a future state biometric system.

Ben is based in Canberra and has a current NV2 (top secret) security clearance with AGSVA.

EXPERTISE

› Procurement

› Business case development

› Information technology

› Government and Cabinet processes

› Project and program management

› Stakeholder engagement and communication

Ben has a particular focus on, and interest in, supporting Government departments in the preparation of accurate and compelling Business Cases to support decision making. In supporting Business Case development, Ben has also gained exposure to the end-to-end procurement process including procurement and acquisition strategy, requirement development and drafting of RFT documentation, evaluation of tenders, contract negotiation, and the management of contracts and deliverables in implementation.

EXPERTISE

Major ICT projects

Providing support to Icon Water's procurement and business case development for a replacement asset management system. In particular, Ben designed and managed the process for reference checks on similar implementations, as well as providing assistance in quantitative risk analysis.

Establishing and overseeing the benefits management framework for a $500m+ Defence ICT infrastructure project. This included the establishment of the framework, developing a benefit measurement approach based on ICT service management standards (ITIL and COBIT 5), workshopping and agreeing benefit profiles and key performance indicators with key stakeholders and the active management of benefit realisation during project delivery.

Assisting Defence's Chief Information Officer Group in the preparation and approval of a second pass business case. Ben was the manager of the business case stream, which was responsible for developing the Business Case and supporting documentation. The team was also responsible for engaging with key stakeholders to gather input to the documentation suite and ensure that stakeholders had ownership of the Business Case, risks and benefits.

Undertaking a market assessment, business process review and requirements development to assist in the procurement of a new multi-modal biometric system. Ben was the project manager responsible for managing the day to day engagement activities. The project assisted CrimTrac make an informed decision on their preferred service delivery option and also to develop the business case to seek funding for the implementation of their future state biometric system. Along with project management responsibility, Ben was also a key contributor to the market assessment report as well as the review of current and future state business process and requirements development. The successful delivery of this project has assisted in equipping Australia's law enforcement agencies with the necessary capabilities to identify individuals and prevent crime.

Other Federal Government Experience

Responsible for liaising and briefing on intelligence agency issues, and coordinating relevant legislative reforms. Ben played an instrumental role in the development of complex amendments to intelligence agency legislation and also led the development and implementation of the Independent Reviewer of Adverse Security Assessments. He also provided support responding to High Court cases challenging adverse security assessments.

Coordinated Departmental input into Cabinet documents, and prepared briefings for senior management and Ministers for Cabinet meetings. He coordinated briefing sessions with the Secretary and senior managers from various areas of the Department, and managed the briefing process for Community Cabinet meetings.

Responsible for policy development on disability access to premises standards, non-building premises issues, access to information and review of standards. He co-ordinated the signing, tabling and launch of the Disability (Access to Premises Buildings) Standards 2010, and represented the Commonwealth at various meetings with stakeholders, including the Commonwealth Senior Property Officers Forum, Standards Australia meetings and Building Code Committee Officers Group.

QUALIFICATIONS
- › Bachelor of Laws, Honours Class II (University of Sydney)
- › Bachelor of Business (University of Newcastle)
- › Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (Australian National University)
- › Admitted as a lawyer of the ACT
- › PRINCE2 Practitioner
- › AgilePM Foundation