

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## PUBLIC SECTOR ETHICS AND INTEGRITY BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The practicality of ethics and integrity in the public sector realm will be discussed at a public forum *Seminar Series: Ethics and Integrity* hosted by IPAA Queensland at the Sofitel Hotel, Brisbane next **Wednesday 30 September 2009**.

The seminar comes as a result of Premier Anna Bligh's recent green paper which aims to provoke public discussion on legislation that would increase public confidence in the integrity of the government.

Facilitated by former Federal Court judge, The Honourable Doug Drummond QC, the seminar will discuss the open consultative process undertaken by the State Government in light of the green paper and the range of community submissions received.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph says the forum provides an opportunity for community concerns to be voiced in order to restore confidence in the political system and government decision-making processes.

"We want to drive the future thinking of the public sector to service the community by identifying strategies to embed consistent ethical behaviour and to help them understand the cultural changes required to improve integrity and accountability," Mr Rumph said.

"It is imperative that every agency and local council work collaboratively to align their organisation's ethical policies and procedures with the long-term goals and strategic direction of the government," he said.

The *Seminar Series* panel discussion will comprise of **Dr David Solomon**, Queensland Integrity Commissioner, **Professor Scott Prasser**, Professor of Public Policy, Australian Catholic University and **Mr Howard Whitton**, Visiting Fellow ANZSOG Institute of Governance.

"The panelists are experts in the areas of ethics, integrity, accountability and systemic issues surrounding the public sector and will provide insightful views into the process undertaken by the State Government," Mr Rumph said.

The Queensland Government *Integrity and Accountability in Queensland* green paper is one of several measures taken by the Queensland Government in seeking to improve and strengthen its integrity and accountability.

The *Seminar Series: Ethics and Integrity* forms just one part of IPAA Queensland's regular **iQ** Events program designed to bring topical, relevant public sector issues to the forefront of the public sector agenda.

IPAA Queensland serves as the peak professional body for the public sector in Queensland and represents the interests of more than 270,000 public sector professionals across all tiers of government.

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**WHAT:** Seminar Series: Ethics and Integrity – the good, the bad and the indifferent  
**DATE:** Wednesday 30 September 2009 from 7:15am  
**VENUE:** Sofitel Hotel, Ballroom Le Grand 2 and 3, Ann St Brisbane  
**INTERVIEWS:** Mr Peter Rumph, CEO IPAA Queensland  
The Honourable Doug Drummond QC  
Professor Scott Prasser, Professor of Public Policy Australian Catholic University

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