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ARGUS PROBITY

Company Profile

In Greek mythology, Argus was a giant with a hundred eyes. He saw in every direction at once, and even when he slept, his eyes would remain open. It is this spirit of constant vigilance which Argus Probity brings to its work

Based in Brisbane, with a Sydney branch office, **Argus Probity and Procurement Pty Ltd (ARGUS PROBITY)** is a member of both State Probity Advisory and Audit panels:

- **Qld Whole of Government Standing Offer Arrangement for Probity Advisory and Audit QGPO-0050-18**
- **NSW Government Performance and Management Services Scheme – Probity Advisory and Audit SCM0005**

What is Probity?

Definition of Probity: the 'evidence of ethical behaviour in a particular process'. Probity is based on principles of honesty, impartiality, transparency, credibility and confidentiality; in essence, probity means acting with integrity.

Why Choose Argus Probity?

The **ARGUS PROBITY** executive team, has professional qualifications in law, extensive experience advising government and the private sector on probity requirements, specialised training, independent governance audits as well as conducting workplace investigations.

Our clients receive only the experience and expertise of the **ARGUS PROBITY** executive team. This assures our clients that advice is based upon a solid foundation of integrity, knowledge and principle, providing a probity framework for projects regardless of scale or complexity.

Specialists in Complex, High Risk and High Visibility Projects.

The **ARGUS PROBITY** team is: **Managing Director Joseph Manner**, Barrister-at-Law and **Senior Consultant Lindsey Alford**, Barrister-at-Law. Joseph and Lindsey provide comprehensive probity services to Government and Private Enterprise. They can also draw on the services and expertise of other legal colleagues, when required, to assist in meeting the requirements of particular clients.

Their combined expertise ideally equips Argus Probity with an understanding of the legal complexities of probity governance and the legislative framework in which public procurement, and implementation of policy, and public/private enterprise is conducted.

The extensive commercial experience and qualifications of the Argus Probity consultants benefits clients in providing advice based in current law and insightful commercial understanding.

ARGUS PROBITY consultants have provided probity advice, consultancy, compliance, and audit services across a wide range of projects for Local, State and Federal Governments and private enterprise in the following areas including:

- ◆ Construction, Mining & Infrastructure
- ◆ Transport Infrastructure – Rail, Roads, Port Utilities
- ◆ Infrastructure – Water and Power Generation
- ◆ Health Services - including Social Infrastructure
- ◆ Information Technology



ARGUS PROBITY expertise recognition:

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Full Spectrum Probity Consulting

ARGUS PROBITY provides the full spectrum of probity and procurement advisory services to facilitate the successful outcome of any major project procurement or a process audit. Our services include:

- ◆ Probity Auditing and Probity Advice in relation to government tenders and procurement
- ◆ Specific Audits and reports as to issues related within the evaluation process of a government tender
- ◆ Documenting Procurement Procedures and Establishing Probity Frameworks to assist Government Agencies, Government Owned Corporations and Authorities, and Private Corporations
- ◆ Audits of the probity requirements of the Management Process and Internal Controls within the client administration participating in a government tender
- ◆ Probity Education Workshops and Training Seminars
- ◆ Like services for Private Corporations and Businesses.

Government Tenders

The **ARGUS PROBITY** advisory role involves drafting of Tender Documents, Evaluation and Probity Plans, observing and reviewing the probity framework of a project, and providing guidance on issues as they arise. This is a proactive role designed to protect the project's integrity.

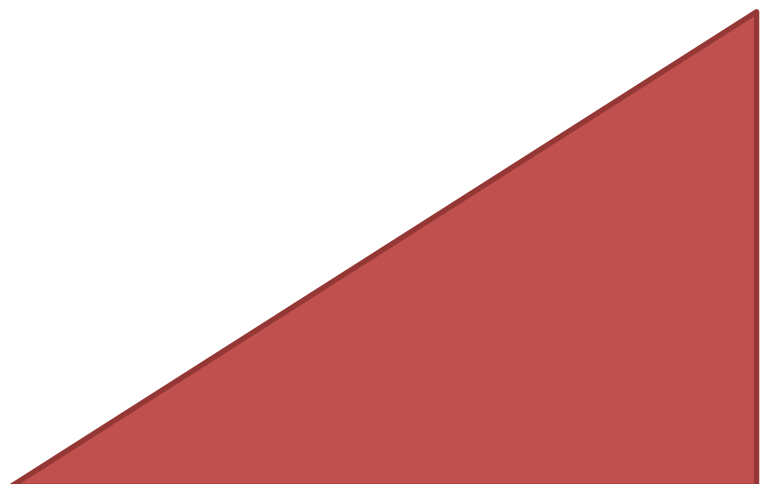
Our probity auditing role expands on this, providing independent internal compliance auditing and objective scrutiny of the process. It also includes reporting upon project stages, specific issues raised, and upon the conclusion of the project.

Conflicts of Interest

ARGUS PROBITY provides advice on conflicts of interests, in order for the client to fully assess any potential consequences before an official decision is made. In these cases, we report on actual, perceived and apprehended bias, in the context of relevant statutory instruments.

Public Private Enterprise

ARGUS PROBITY specialise in the development of appropriate probity governance frameworks to facilitate the successful adoption of market led proposals to Government, probity in Public Private Partnerships, and the successful interface between private industry and Government, from the initial phases of a project through to successful completion.



The ARGUS PROBITY Team



Managing Director

Joseph Manner is a Barrister-at-Law, professional probity advisor where he has worked with both the private and public sectors for projects up to \$11 billion in value. Joseph heads up the Sydney Office. Joseph was previously a Property Development/Finance Professional with over 20 years' prior experience in the property development, local government and finance sectors. Joseph has authored numerous research papers in the areas of taxation law, construction law, consumer law and planning law and is a Guest Lecturer at Griffith University in Property Development and Planning to post-graduate students.



Senior Consultant

Lindsey Alford founded Argus Probity. He is a Barrister-at-Law and expert in the field of probity advisory and auditing for 16 years, having completed over 200 projects. Lindsey is also a published author in probity. His article, '*Tendering for Government Businesses: process contracts, good faith, fair dealing, and probity*' appeared in the Australian Law Journal and is cited in Seddon's *Government Contracts* text. His experience and work in probity has resulted in him having obtained the confidence of the highest levels of the State Government executive branch. Recently a referee stated, "Mr Lindsey Alford is a very mature and wise counsel whom has the respect at the highest levels of the executive government and of my Board. His ability to deal professionally with the variety of stakeholders with equanimity and strength of conviction is one of his primary attributes".

Excellence of Performance Queensland Government Procurement Office Review

“A responsibility of being a provider of Probity Advisor and Audit Services under the Whole-of Government Standing Offer Arrangement QGP0050-18, is furnishing a quarterly report of probity assignments undertaken, referencing the Procurement Contract Numbers, the Agency or Government Customer, and fees charged. Additionally, the Queensland Government Procurement Office, the Department of Housing and Public Works, conducts a bi-annual Performance Review by contacting the Agency or Government Customers to review the performance of each provider of Probity Audit and Advisor Services. Argus Probity most recent performance review was concluded with a report on 8 October 2019.

Argus Probity was categorised as excellent by each customer on a five-point scale from “very poor” to “excellent” and scored the maximum of 5 on each of the three questions asked of the customers:

Question 1. How satisfied were you with the level of services provided? If not, why?

Question 2. How satisfied were you with the timing of services provided? If not, why,

Question 3. Did the supplier keep you informed of the progress of the assignment?

Three customer feedback comments were reported:

1. “Argus Probity is in a very unique field of being able to understand an evaluation process to assess and where needed promote Medical Specialists to the role of eminent or pre-eminent. Probity of this process needs to be rigid as it can be, and has been tested in court”.
2. “Argus are there whenever we need them. We are clearly a priority for their business. Brilliant”.
3. “The supplier was even proactive going above and beyond what was required to keep us informed”.

It is this quality of customer service which Argus Probity prides itself on providing

Testimonials

Ms Tania Webb, Senior Category Manager (formally of Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC)).

“Argus was appointed as the Probity Advisor for the Commonwealth Games from July 2016 to April 2018. They supplied professional services for 14 separate procurements. Argus also provide probity workshops for the Procurement and Category Managers. All of the probity activities were conducted professionally and of a high standard. One procurement activity that I undertook had a complex conflict of interest raised. The expert guidance and support provided by Lindsey provided a satisfactory outcome to both GOLDOC and the Contractor.”

Dr Andrew Johnson, Executive Director Medical Services, Townsville Hospital and Health Services, Adjunct Professor and Head of Discipline of Medical Leadership and Management, College of Medicine and Dentistry, James Cook University.

“I have been consistently satisfied with the services provided by Lindsey Alford of Argus Probity. At all times he has supported me as chair of the panel, with consideration, skill and balance. He has sought to develop a detailed understanding of the processes we were undertaking, made efforts to understand the risks and elements where potential probity issues could occur. He contributed well in meetings, responded promptly to communication and assisted effectively when concerns were identified.”



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