



Steve Dreezer - Senior Reviewer - Canberra

Steve Dreezer has over 20 years' experience as a senior Australian public servant responsible for major organisational change, public policy formulation, program management and regulatory compliance functions. He has extensive experience in risk management, fraud prevention and internal investigations. Prior to joining CPM Reviews, Steve served in the Senior Executive Service (SES) for over 13 years in national security, regional development, service delivery and governance areas.

Throughout his career, Steve has been recognised for his well-considered, evidence based and outcomes focused approach to his work. He can undertake complex Code of Conduct and security related inquiries and has extensive experience reviewing systemic, process and organisation wide issues.

Steve started his working career in the Northern Territory Police Force, where he led many criminal investigations, including sensitive inquiries in indigenous communities regarding serious fraud and child protection matters. On joining the Australian Public Service (APS) he led fraud and internal investigation units in the employment, education and training portfolio.

Following the Palmer and Comrie reports in 2005, Steve transferred to the then Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) – where he led several different areas responsible for the implementation of immigration detention reforms. He led a large team of over 100 staff, including 60 centre-based staff spread across Australia, who delivered major improvements to services and facilities for people in immigration detention. Steve was responsible for DIAC's learning and development strategy and he oversaw the College of Immigration.

For nearly 8 years Steve served in the Office of Transport Security (OTS) – now part of the Department of Home Affairs – where he held SES positions responsible for Australia's aviation, maritime and offshore oil and gas facility security. While in OTS, he led teams responsible for the review and approval of transport security plans for airlines, airports, seaports and ship operators. Steve has represented Australia's national interests at high-level international forums, including as Australia's senior delegate on the International Civil Aviation Organization's Aviation Security Panel and at the International Maritime Organisation's Maritime Safety Committee.

More recently, Steve has held SES positions in the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities in the local government, regional development and Commonwealth territories areas. He has been responsible for major programs and initiatives, such as the \$2.4 billion Financial Assistance Grant Program to strengthen the capacity of local councils to deliver priority community services and the Norfolk Island Reform Program that has provided Norfolk Island residents with improved essential services, critical infrastructure and governance arrangements.

Steve has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Queensland and a Diploma of Education from the University of Tasmania. He is an alumnus of the National Security College, holds a Certificate IV in Investigation Methods and has a current Top Secret (NV) security clearance.

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