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**Accountability**

As the number of sustainability reports released by Australian corporations grows, there are precious few places where the wide range of practitioners in the areas of organisational accountability and assurance can share ideas and talk about their practical experiences, challenges and dilemmas. The Australian Institute of Social and Ethical Accountability presents the Practitioners Talk Series as a forum to address this need.

Each Talk features a small number of speakers who lead the discussion by presenting a short case study focussing on practical issues involved in an aspect of their work. The presentations are followed by questions and discussion that allows attendees the opportunity to relate the topic to their own experiences.

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# The Practitioners Talk Series

## THE CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS OF PUTTING ORGANISATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY INTO PRACTICE

### The Inaugural Practitioners Talk

Tuesday, September 28, 2004, 4.30 – 6.00pm

**Topic:** Assurance Methodologies

#### SYDNEY

**Richard Boele** from **Banarra Sustainability and Social Assurance** is the assurance provider for Westpac's 2004 Social Impact Report. He will discuss the challenges and learning arising from his full-scope application of the AA 1000 Assurance Standard to Westpac in 2004.

**Peter Kaye** from the **Australian Social & Ethical Accountability Centre** and a member of **Consultgroup** will be addressing the topic: "Disclosed Intent – the Key To Social & Ethical Accountability". Peter will share some observations from four client case studies that have used social auditing or have commenced introducing social accountability, especially in terms of using values as a starting point.

**Venue:** Henry Gyles Turner Room, Westpac Conference Centre  
Westpac, 60 Martin Place Sydney.

#### MELBOURNE

**John Tomac** is a Senior Manager in **PricewaterhouseCoopers** Risk and Value Team which provides a range of sustainability-related advisory and assurance services. A Chartered Accountant by training with a grounding in financial statement assurance approaches, John has recently lead the verification and preparation of a number of Triple Bottom Line reports for clients including the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, The Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage, Australian Gas Light Limited and Woolworths Limited.

**Terence Jeyaretnam** from **URS** has worked in corporate sustainability/sustainability reporting with over 100 companies and has verified a large number of sustainability/environmental reports in Australia, dating back to 1996. Terence is a member of the judging panels of several sustainability awards, and is the Chair of the Australian Environmental Engineering Society. He is also an accredited environmental auditor with the EPA and QSA. Terence will discuss the evolution in verification moving towards assurance, and some of the emerging challenges and underlying processes in successfully completing an assurance engagement.

**Venue:** The Auditorium, Ground Floor, National Australia Bank  
800 Bourke Street Docklands (opposite Telstra dome).

Places are strictly limited for both events so please RSVP to [info@accountability.org.au](mailto:info@accountability.org.au)

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