

Australia's Bribery Prevention Network



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Business Integrity***

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What is the Bribery Prevention Network (BPN)?

- free online portal of relevant, reliable resources for preventing, detecting and addressing bribery and corruption.
- curated by Australia's leading private sector anti-bribery experts to raise the bar on the prevention of bribery and corruption.



How the Bribery Prevention Network began

OECD Working Group on Bribery Phase 4 evaluation. Amongst other things, the OECD recommended that:

Australia find additional ways to encourage companies, particularly Small and Medium sized Enterprises, to develop and adopt adequate internal controls, ethics, and compliance programmes or measures for the purpose of preventing and detecting foreign bribery.

BPN Timeline

May 2019



May 2020



Oct 2020



2022 - 2025



Raising The Bar Forum

Australia's leading experts in anti-bribery and corruption, representing over 30 different organisations and government agencies, convened for a three-day design forum to identify how to raise the bar for the prevention of bribery and corruption.

The Bribery Prevention Network and Hub are identified as the highest-value, most achievable way to raise the bar for the prevention of bribery and corruption.

BPN Steering Committee

11 contributing organisations become founders of the BPN:

- Allens
- Australia-Africa Minerals and Energy Group
- ANZ Bank
- Australian Federal Police
- Attorney-General's Department
- BHP
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- UN Global Compact Network Australia
- KPMG Australia
- Transparency International Australia
- Westpac Group

BPN & Bribery Prevention Hub Launch

The BPN launches at the 2020 Australian Dialogue on Bribery and Corruption, co-hosted by the UN Global Compact Network Australia and Allens.

The Minerals Council of Australia joins the BPN as a contributing organisation.

The BPN Advisory Group is formed. Several advisors are appointed, including an Export Finance Australia representative. Other advisors include both Government and private sector representatives.

BPN's Growth Through Phase II

The BPN completed its establishment in Phase 1 and launched into Phase 2.

Implementing recommendations of User Research Report to ensure the Hub is a valued source of relevant, dependable and accessible anti-bribery and corruption resources

Building awareness through the broadening of relevant and timely engagement activities that provide Australian SMEs and corporates with the necessary tools required to combat bribery.

Working together for a bribery free society

Goal: supporting Australian business to prevent, detect and address bribery and corruption, and promote a culture of compliance.

In addition to causing **serious reputational damage** to businesses, bribery distorts markets, undermines the rule of law, erodes trust and harms local communities.

We recognise that in identifying, managing and addressing bribery and corruption risks, Australian businesses can engage in the **global fight** against bribery and corruption.

The BPN is a **collective action**, public-private partnership that brings together peak government, corporate, civil society and academic organisations.

Structure of the BPN



Contributor Organisations

- Contribute by funds or in-kind support.
- Options of engagement

Steering & Impact Committees

- Terms of Reference
- Steering committee responsible for governance of the BPN.
- Impact committee responsible for deliverables and outputs.

Host Organisation

- UN Global Compact Network Australia.
- Minimise administrative overheads and provide functional aspects necessary for the delivery of a project.
- Manage ongoing services (e.g. BPN Hub, emails, accounting and financial reporting).

Funding Model

- Diverse sources including Industry and Government as a joint demonstration of commitment.

Contributing Organisations



Allens > < Linklaters



BHP



Host Organisation



**Global Compact
Network Australia**

The BPN Hub

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PREVENT Know the risks, develop a culture of integrity

Prevent bribery from happening in the first place by taking steps to recognise the risks and implement effective policies and procedures.

[Management & Culture](#)

[Policies & Procedures](#)

[Risk Assessments](#)

[Due Diligence](#)

[Training & Communications](#)

[Red Flags](#)



DETECT Identify and assess issues early

Monitor for bribery and corruption and assess the effectiveness of controls across your operations. Access guidance to help you design and implement systems to help detect real and possible bribery risks. Implement anti-bribery and corruption systems that continuously adapt and improve.

[Monitoring](#)

[Whistleblowing](#)

[Audit](#)



ADDRESS Disclose and remediate incidents

Protect your business, comply with laws and enhance processes. Steps to take when bribery or corruption occurs to understand what has occurred and promote a culture of action, self-reporting, remedy and organisational learning.

[Investigations](#)

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[Offences & Enforcement](#)

[Deferred Prosecution Agreements](#)

[Remediation](#)

Resources



Prevent

- Management & Culture
- Policies & Procedures
- Risk Management
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Other Resources

- Australian Government resources
- Foreign Government resources
- International resources
- Case Studies



BPN objectives & activities



Supported by diverse public and private funding



Established a robust governance and management framework for the Network, overseen by a Steering Committee

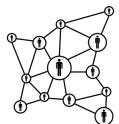


Curate and maintain the [Bribery Prevention Hub](#) – a free online portal of bribery prevention resources

Deliver online webinars in partnership with leaders in anti-bribery and corruption



Implement research that assessed the needs of SME users of the Bribery Prevention Hub and implemented recommendations



Deliver in-person information & networking events



Maintain relationships with key stakeholders in the anti-bribery and corruption space, including government, professional and industry bodies



Bribery Prevention Network



Conduct outreach at events in Australia and internationally - to expand awareness and engagement, including with industry and professional groups



Regular communications with subscribers and followers via news, blogs, social media ([LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#))



Provide content for media coverage on relevant anti-bribery and corruption coverage



Support the policies, internal and external communications of third-party organisations through resources on the Hub



Deliver quarterly BPN Updates

Lessons learned & Challenges

- Deliberate actions to establish trust and credibility
- Need to manage different organisational cultures around collaboration
- Proactively manage any potential conflicts of interest
- Clarity roles and limits
- Policy on taking public positions
- Essential to continuously re-assess and improve



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