

# The Assembly Australasia

18 – 19 May 2026 | Sydney, Australia

Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park

Theme: In the Trenches

Monday, May 18 2026	
07:50 – 17:00 Foyer	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
07:50 – 17:00 Foyer	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>
07:50 – 08:50 Foyer	<b>Morning Tea in Exhibit Area</b>
General Sessions	
08:50 – 09:00 Grand Ballroom	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <p>Caryn Leong, CAMS, Regional AML Director - APAC, <b>ACAMS</b></p>
09:00 – 09:50 Grand Ballroom	<p><b>Keynote Address and Q&amp;A with AUSTRAC CEO</b></p> <p>Brendan Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, <b>AUSTRAC</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst and Director of Editorial Content, <b>ACAMS</b></p>
09:50 – 10:50 Grand Ballroom	<p><b>A Whole New World: Tranche 2's Impact on AML Risk Assessments</b></p> <p>Australia's Tranche 2 AML/CTF reforms are reshaping the risk assessment landscape. Speakers will address the new requirements for DNFBPs to implement robust, risk-based programs targeting money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing. They'll also give practical guidance for financial institutions onboarding these Tranche 2 customers. This includes strategies for evaluating T2 compliance programs and reducing risk through enhanced due diligence.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Crispin Yuen, CAMS-Audit, Director, <b>Custos Advisory</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Rachelle Boyle, CAMS, Head of Financial Crime, <b>Malleons</b></p> <p>Gavin Coles, Global Sanctions Officer, <b>OFX</b></p> <p>Jeremy Moller, Partner, <b>Norton Rose Fulbright Australia</b></p> <p>Konstantin Poptodorov, Director, Fraud &amp; Financial Crime, ANZ, <b>LexisNexis Risk Solutions</b></p>
10:50 – 11:20 Foyer	Networking and Refreshment Break
Concurrent Sessions	
11:20 – 12:10 Grand Ballroom	<p><b>Make the Grade: Preparing for FATF's Upcoming Mutual Evaluation</b></p> <p>Australia's next FATF Mutual Evaluation will assess the effectiveness and compliance of the nation's AML/CTF regime under the fifth-round methodology. The spotlight will shine on recent Tranche 2 reforms, DNFBP inclusion, beneficial ownership transparency, and overall outcomes in combating money laundering and terrorism</p>

	<p>financing. Our experts will discuss how organizations can prepare while also addressing how performance can impact the nation's global standing.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Caryn Leong, CAMS, Regional AML Director - APAC, <b>ACAMS</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> John Fogarty, Adviser, EGM, Financial Crime Compliance, Risk Management, <b>Commonwealth Bank</b></p> <p>Evan Gallagher, Principal Specialist, Policy Rules and Guidance, <b>AUSTRAC</b></p> <p>Dr. Gordon Hook, Special Advisor, <b>Department of Finance (Canada)</b>, Former Executive Secretary, <b>APG</b></p>
<p><b>12:10 – 13:20</b> Foyer</p>	<p>Networking Luncheon</p>
<p><b>13:20 – 14:10</b> Grand Ballroom</p>	<p><b>Fighting Back: A Look at Australia's Latest Anti-Fraud Legislation</b></p> <p>Australia's anti-fraud framework, anchored by the National Anti-Scam Centre and the Scams Prevention Framework (SPF), sets a leading model for integrated scam disruption across sectors.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore how the National Anti-Scam Centre leverages Scamwatch and ReportCyber data as a collaborative hub for actionable intelligence</li> <li>• Understand upcoming scam prevention obligations under the SPF for banks, telecoms, and digital platforms</li> <li>• Examine the SPF/ AML link, including government feedback loops that drive smarter detection, disruption, and enforcement</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst and Director of Editorial Content, <b>ACAMS</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Quinten Hout, Global Head of Financial Crime &amp; Compliance, <b>Concentrix</b></p> <p>Jayde Richmond, General Manager, <b>National Anti-Scam Centre</b></p> <p>Sarah Roberts, Financial &amp; Economic Crime Professional</p>
<p><b>13:20 – 14:10</b> Hyde Park Room</p>	<p><b>Power Session - Recent Reforms and the Shifting Regulatory Perspective: AI as a Necessity Presented by Quantifind</b></p> <p>As Australia's AML regime shifts toward a stronger risk-based approach, financial institutions are under pressure to modernize compliance programs while managing evolving global sanctions expectations. This session explores the compliance framework and maps a path to the art-of-the-possible of doing more with existing budgets and resources.</p> <p><b>Learning Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how regulated change and divergence is impacting AML environments locally and globally</li> <li>• Tailor controls to risk exposure while allocating resources to high-risk customers and transactions</li> <li>• Leverage LLMs and Agentic Solutions to move beyond a one-size-fits-all compliance approach</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Marianne Trefz, Senior Director, Strategic Client Development, <b>Quantifind</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Graham Bailey, Chief Operating Officer, <b>Quantifind</b></p> <p>Lisa Dobbin, Partner, Australia and APAC Financial Crime Lead, Forensic, <b>Deloitte</b></p>
<b>14:10 – 14:20</b>	<b>Transition to next session</b>
<b>14:20 – 15:10</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>From Experiment to Ecosystem: AI's Next Phase in AFC Compliance</b></p> <p>AI is no longer experimental in compliance. This session examines how maturing AI systems are transforming financial crime controls — bringing new expectations around data integrity, cybersecurity, and regulatory defensibility.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how mature AI frameworks are reshaping ML/TF controls, from continuous behavioural risk profiling and network analytics to real-time alert prioritisation and decision support</li> <li>• Examine the critical intersection of data protection obligations with AI-driven AML processes</li> <li>• Mitigate emerging cybersecurity AI risks such as model poisoning, adversarial attacks, AI-driven data breaches, and supply-chain vulnerabilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Todd Harland, CAMS, Head of AML &amp; Compliance, <b>Queensland Country Bank</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Toby Evans, Head of Economic Crime, <b>AusPayNet</b></p> <p>Matthew Field, APAC AML Market Director, <b>NICE Actimize</b></p> <p>Tony Hope, Group Head, AML/CTF/ Fraud Risk, <b>National Australia Bank</b></p>
<b>15:10 – 15:40</b> Foyer	Networking and Refreshment Break
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<b>15:40 – 16:30</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>In the Hot Seat: Spotlighting Governance and Oversight in Australasia</b></p> <p>Effective governance is vital for navigating Tranche 2 reforms, with boards and senior management ensuring accountability, independent risk assessments, and active oversight of financial crime prevention. This panel shares best practices for strong oversight frameworks aligned with AUSTRAC's focus on proactive risk management, compliance culture, and resilience against proliferation financing and sanctions evasion. Topics will include AI model governance, high-risk escalation, independent compliance functions, and outcomes reporting.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Lynda Presant, Program Director, AML/CTF Reforms, Financial Crime Transformation, <b>Westpac Banking Corporation</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Alice Bexson, First Secretary, Illicit Finance Policy Lead, <b>British High Commission</b></p> <p>Gary Hughes, Barrister, <b>Britomart Chambers</b>, Co-Chair, <b>International Bar Association AML and Sanctions Experts Committee</b></p>

	Qing Liu, Senior Director and Head of Industry Practice Leads and Solution Specialists, APAC & Middle East, <b>Moody's</b>  Sonja Marsic, Partner, <b>Norton Rose Fulbright Australia</b>
<b>16:30 – 16:35</b> Grand Ballroom	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Caryn Leong, CAMS, Regional AML Director - APAC, <b>ACAMS</b>
<b>16:35 – 17:35</b> Foyer	Networking Reception in Exhibit Area
<b>17:35 – 18:35</b> Hyde Park Room	Speaker Networking Reception [By invitation only]

<b>Tuesday, May 19 2026</b>	
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<b>10:00 – 10:50</b> Grand Ballroom	<b>What's Mine is Yours: Using Information Sharing to Stop Financial Crime</b>  Effective information sharing is key to combating financial crime and terrorism financing across Australasia under evolving AML/CTF rules.  This session will help you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the upcoming AUSTRAC and Department of Home Affairs guidance on safe, permissible information sharing mechanisms</li> <li>• Study how counterterrorism priorities integrate into AML information-sharing practices to strengthen national security</li> <li>• Balance privacy requirements and AML/CTF obligations</li> </ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst and Director of Editorial Content, <b>ACAMS</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Eric Brown, Special Agent, <b>Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)</b>  Janet Hung, Chief Risk Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, Australia, <b>Standard Chartered Bank</b>

	Daniel Loffi, General Manager, Governance, ABC, Reporting, Reg Engagement & FCIU, <b>Commonwealth Bank</b>
<b>10:50 – 11:30</b> Foyer	Networking and Refreshment Break
<b>11:30 – 12:20</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>Clean House, Dirty Money: The Link Between Real Estate and Financial Crime</b></p> <p>Australian real estate remains a prime target for laundering proceeds linked to criminal activity. Transnational crime networks exploit the region's real estate as a premium laundering gateway — funneling billions through opaque trusts, shell companies, and foreign entities that hide true beneficial owners and inflate property prices. Join this panel for practical insights to spot real estate red flags, bolster due diligence, and gear up for the upcoming Tranche 2 AML reforms impacting the industry.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Martin Dilly, CAMS-Audit, Director, <b>Martin Dilly AML Limited</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Colin Bristow, Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Subject Matter Expert, <b>Quantexa</b></p> <p>Kate Camilleri, Regulatory Transformation Leader, Property and Financial Services</p> <p>Stefan Williams, Detective Superintendent, Specialist Capability and International Operations, <b>Australian Federal Police</b></p>
<b>12:20 – 13:30</b> Foyer	Networking Luncheon
<b>13:30 – 14:25</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>Sanctions Shake Up: Developments Affecting Australasia [Closed to the Press]</b></p> <p>This panel focuses on recent sanctions evasion tactics exploiting Australia's critical minerals exports, supply chains, and strategic position amid Russian, Iranian, and DPRK networks.</p> <p>This session will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigate conflicting regimes, including U.S. secondary sanctions risks</li> <li>• Understand Tranche 2 obligations for sanctions screening and proliferation financing risk management</li> <li>• Apply updated Australian Sanctions Office guidance to strengthen compliance in a high-stakes geopolitical environment</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Wendy Ward, Vice President, Regional Head of Financial Crimes Compliance – APAC <b>American Express</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Amy Adams, Country Sanctions Officer, <b>HSBC Bank Australia</b></p> <p>Michael Meadon, Director, Asia Pacific, Risk Intelligence, <b>LSEG Risk Intelligence</b></p> <p>Kylie Oliver, CAMS, CGSS, Senior Manager Enterprise Sanctions Compliance, <b>ANZ Bank</b></p> <p>Dr. Justine Walker, Executive Vice President, Thought Leadership (AML, Sanctions &amp; Fraud), <b>ACAMS (Virtual)</b></p>

<b>14:25 – 14:30</b>	<b>Transition to next session</b>
<b>14:30 – 14:55</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>ACAMS Talk - Forced to Defraud: Inside Southeast Asia's Scam Factories</b></p> <p>This session focuses on Australia's fight against Southeast Asia's large scam compounds, particularly in border regions of Myanmar, Cambodia, and Thailand. There, trafficked workers are forced to run sophisticated fraud operations including romance fraud and fake investment schemes. These centres generate and launder billions in illicit funds, driving massive annual losses for Australians and fueling efforts to disrupt these networks.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Ling Li, Co-founder, <b>EOS Collective</b></p>
<b>14:55 – 15:20</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>In the Know: Strengthening AFC Outcomes Through 1st and 2nd Line Training</b></p> <p>Each year, billions of dollars are spent worldwide on anti-financial crime controls—yet training remains one of the most powerful and under-leveraged defenses. A well-informed workforce across both the first and second lines of defense strengthens prevention, detection, and escalation. In this fireside chat, leaders from the first and second lines of defense will share what they'd like each other's teams to understand — and ways to bridge the divide.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Warrick Sonn, Group Head, Financial Crime Surveillance, <b>Westpac</b> Shiv Toor, Head of Financial Crime Compliance and MLRO, <b>ING Australia</b></p>
<b>15:20 – 15:50</b> Foyer	Networking and Refreshment Break
<b>15:50 – 16:50</b> Grand Ballroom	<p><b>Executive Roundtable: The Compliance Officer as a Strategic Advisor</b></p> <p>In an era of heightened regulatory scrutiny and evolving financial crime risks, compliance officers are positioned to serve as strategic advisors who can transform financial crime risk management into a competitive advantage. AML executives from the region's top financial institutions will discuss how forward-thinking compliance leaders can drive smarter risk appetite decisions, enhance customer trust, and deliver measurable value to the board and executive team.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Karim Tadjer, Executive General Manager Financial Crime Services, <b>Commonwealth Bank</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Armina Antoniou, CAMS, Chief Risk Officer, <b>Crown Resorts</b> Nick Kokay, Head of Compliance and MLRO, Australia, <b>Coinbase</b> Nathan Newman, Chief Financial Crime Risk Officer &amp; Executive MLRO, <b>National Australia Bank</b></p>
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