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Hans Paul Bokelund, LLB, MCommrclLaw, MBA, GradCertDevPlan, GAICD, PR-TREATY, EMPA

Hans is descended from the Darumbal and Turrbal People. He is the Associate Deputy Secretary for the Aboriginal Economic Development Branch with Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions.

He has extensive experience in cultural inclusion strategies, Treaty, economics, strategic development, workforce capability, social enterprise, commercial and native title law. He also has extensive experience in navigating complexity and brings with him a strong background of commercial insight and expertise.

Hans has working knowledge of Aboriginal communities, economic development priorities and culturally appropriate engagement that provides extensive experience in influencing policy and community to deliver on high profile project outcomes. He has a strong stakeholder network and is known for his advocacy of advancing Aboriginal affairs and interests across government. And he is an accredited Mediator.

Other Work History Snapshot:

- Inaugural Director of the Aboriginal Melbourne Branch at the City of Melbourne
- CEO of a Native Title Representative Body
- Barrister at the Victorian Bar specialising in general commercial law
- Articled Clerk/Solicitor at Deacons Lawyers (now Norton Rose Fulbright)
- Lecturer at Deakin University (Subjects taught – Competition Law and Taxation) and lecturer at Victoria University (Subject taught -Evidence)
- Research/Judges' Associate at the Federal Court of Australia – Victorian Registry.
- Business, management, and leadership Consultant.