

Stuart Thorn – Senior Reviewer – Canberra

Stuart Thorn joined CPM Reviews in October 2013 following a twenty-nine year career in the Australian national security community and in law enforcement in the UK prior to that. Whilst working with CPM Reviews, Stuart has undertaken Public Interest Disclosure and Code of Conduct investigations; acted as a mentor for Senior Executive Service officers and provided advice on intelligence support to criminal investigations. Independently of CPM Reviews he has conducted a number of capability reviews for national security agencies.

Stuart was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) seventeen years ago and has served in a number of SES positions at the Band 1, 2 and 3 levels. His last appointment of six years has been as Band 3 Deputy Secretary with a major national security agency.

As Deputy Secretary of a large agency, Stuart was responsible for the development, monitoring and review of a range of internal policies as well as the preparation and execution of major procurement and development projects. He has also been responsible for structural and cultural changes both within the national security community and his former agency, and has a deep understanding of probity and ethics in the workplace.

As a senior member of the national security community, Stuart has been responsible for leading and/or overseeing a range of high-level and complex investigations in the areas of counter terrorism, espionage and foreign interference. Such investigations have been conducted in accord with strict legislative and accountability mechanisms. Most, if not all, have involved multi agency co-ordination at the both the State and Federal levels.

Stuart has been a prominent member of various senior level National Security and broader Commonwealth Committees as well as joint State and Federal Committees such as the National Counter Terrorist Committee. He has played a major role in the preparation of security arrangements for a range of major special events, including the Sydney 2000 Olympics, CHOGM and APEC, hosted in Australia.

Stuart has made significant contributions to the development of both national security policy and legislation and has participated in a range of reviews in the national security area. He has extensive experience in working with both State and Federal law enforcement agencies as well as a broad range of Commonwealth agencies and commercial entities.

In addition to his domestic work, Stuart is well respected overseas and has been engaged in a number of International Forums. His overseas experience includes a three year attachment to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade where he served as a Political Counselor at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC.

Stuart currently also undertakes mentoring and coaching of SES Officers within the national security community.

Stuart has a BA (Hons) in Psychology and in 2012 was awarded the Public Service Medal for his contribution to national security. He holds a current Top Secret (PV) security clearance.