



Tony Sutherland

Biographical Details

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Tony Sutherland is the principal of **Ess Consulting** (a division of Ess Pty Ltd), providing management and information consulting, specialising in the planning, analysis and deployment of systems for strategic advantage, within organisations of all sizes.

Tony graduated with Distinction from the Western Australian Institute of Technology in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business (Information Processing). In 1989 he completed a Master of Information Systems degree at Curtin University, graduating with Distinction. He was awarded the R D Galliers Medal for best Master's student. Tony's research concentrated on the planning, management and use of information systems for competitive advantage.

In the more than thirty-five years that Tony has been involved with the information industry, he has provided services to a wide range of clients in Australia and overseas, including:

1. Health and hospitals, including the:
 - a. Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) commissioning project, incorporating the establishment of FSH ICT and review of the provision of services by the Facilities Manager
2. Justice and legal related organisations, including the:
 - a. NSW Attorney-General's Department;
 - b. ACT Courts and Tribunals;
 - c. WA Ministry of Justice;
 - d. Family Court of Australia;
 - e. Federal Court of Australia;
 - f. WA Police Service;
 - g. NSW Workers Compensation Commission;
 - h. Royal Commissions;
 - i. the Australian Securities Commission;
 - j. WA State Law Publisher;
 - k. Victorian Traffic Accident Commission Legal Services Unit;
 - l. WA Crown Law Department;
 - m. WA Legal Aid Commission;
 - n. WA Crown Solicitor's Office and WA State Solicitor's Office; and
 - o. many law firms;

3. Land and planning related organisations:
 - a. Landgate WA on the "Shared Land Information Platform" programme;
 - b. Department for Planning and Infrastructure on the "electronic Land Development Process" programme;
 - c. eDA National Coordination Office on the "electronic Development Assessment Interoperability Specification (eDAIS)" programme;
4. Schools;
5. Financial investment institutions;
6. Insurance companies;
7. Computer vendors;
8. Software development companies;
9. Mining conglomerates;
10. Numerous state government departments, including the Decommissioning of Shared Services in Western Australia;
11. High technology manufacturers;
12. Port authorities;
13. Automobile clubs;
14. Medical care providers; and
15. Telecommunications providers.

Tony has provided training and management presentations on a variety of topics, and has acted as an expert witness in a number of large legal cases.

Tony has wide experience and expertise in the definition, design and implementation of large-scale corporate systems, based on open standards and state-of-the-art technologies.

Tony also has extensive management experience, having been:

1. Director, Corporate Systems Group of Companies;
2. General Manager, Execom Consulting;
3. Manager, Courts Division of Lawnow Limited;
4. Chief Executive Officer of Coram Solutions Pty Ltd;
5. Development Manager, Lasata Software Pty Ltd;
6. Programme Director, Shared Land Information Platform;
7. Programme Manager, electronic Land Development Process; and
8. General/Programme Manager, Corporate Services in Agencies Decommissioning.

Tony is a:

1. past President and Vice President of the Western Australian Society for Computers and the Law,
2. past Chairman of the Electronics and Information Industry Association of Western Australia, and
3. past Chairman of the Software Industries Association of Western Australia.

Tony is a Member of the IEEE and the ACM (USA) and Member of the ACS and Company Directors Association (Australia).

Tony has presented a number of papers, including:

1. "eDAIS (electronic Development Assessment Interoperability Specification) Overview" for the Innovation in Planning and Assessment conference, Sydney, NSW, 6th August 2008;
2. "Justice in the Midst of Technological Turmoil", SuperSession presentation at the Courts Technology Conference 7, organized by the National Center for State Courts, held at Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 14th August 2001;
3. "Internet and Beyond: A New Order for Justice?" - Keynote presentation at the Technology for Justice 2 conference, organised by the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA), Melbourne, Australia, 9th October 2000; and
4. "The Digital World and its impact on the Legal World" (concerning digital signatures, digital fraud, etc) at the Technology for Justice conference, organised by the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA), Melbourne, Australia, 23-25 March 1998.

Tony also contributed to the "Technology and the Law" report by the Victorian Law Reform Committee (May 1999) and was the major writer of section 5.3 "Justice and Technology" for the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia Review of the Criminal and Civil Justice System - Project 92 (June 1999).