

Sam Butcher

Career highlights

- CEO and Founder of Authorities Online (current)
- Deputy Company Secretary of BHP Billiton
- Company Secretary & General Counsel of Zinifex and Bonlac Foods
- Deep expertise in governance of leading organisations
- Track record of delivering effective business outcomes leading Group-wide projects at large, complex organisations
- Significant experience in mergers, acquisitions and divestments



Professional Experience

Sam has over 20 years' experience in corporate governance and law. He is the CEO and Founder of Authorities Online and provides expert governance services to boards and executives. Sam was previously Deputy Company Secretary of BHP Billiton, and Company Secretary & General Counsel of Zinifex and Bonlac Foods.

He has advised many organisations on their governance arrangements, often with a focus on delegated authorities.

While at BHP Billiton, Sam led several major change projects, including:

- designing and implementing the improvement actions following the 2006 Royal Commission of Inquiry into the UN Oil-For-Food Program for Iraq and
- developing a comprehensive new framework of delegated authorities across the Group.

Sam has led a range of functional teams and delivered many corporate transactions such as mergers, divestments and capital raisings and reductions. He is a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia and a member of the Legislation Review Committee. He presents frequently on governance topics.

Committed to helping clients achieve their objectives, and easy to work with, Sam is consistently recognised for his professionalism, reliability and integrity.

Services Offered

- Expert advisory services on all aspects of governance, including delegations of authority
- Designing, managing and implementing change projects
- Implementing AuthoritiesOnline™ software to make delegated authorities Clear, Accessible & Easy

Education, Qualifications & Professional Positions

- Bachelor of Laws (University of Adelaide) 1991 (Honours) 1992
- Bachelor of Economics (University of Adelaide) 1991
- Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia and member of Legislation Review Committee
- Practitioner of Supreme Courts of Victoria, South Australia, England & Wales
- Fellow of Williamson Community Leadership Program (2006)
- Director of Skyline Education Foundation Australia
- Accredited in the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and Genos Emotional Intelligence tools

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