

# Phil Preston

## STRATEGIC FACILITATIONS & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS



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Phil Preston provides strategic facilitation and stakeholder engagement services. He has experience working across a wide range of organisations and projects, helping them move forward with key challenges.

He serves the Australian market from Hobart since returning from NSW, and brings a desirable level of independence for complex and demanding situations.

Before moving into speaking, facilitation and consulting, Phil spent 17 years in investment management leading high-performing analytical teams in commercially demanding environments - experience that sharpened his instinct for rigorous thinking, risk assessment and performance under pressure.

Over the past 15+ years, he's partnered with more than 150 organisations across the private, public and social / community sectors, facilitating everything from strategic planning and stakeholder engagements to executive team workshops and crisis management simulations.

Phil holds accreditation as a master facilitator with critical thinking specialists, Janellis, where he serves as lead facilitator for crisis scenario exercises with senior leadership and board-level teams. Pressure-testing and improving decision-making processes strengthens their collective response capacity before it matters most.

On the stakeholder front, Phil's work draws on deep cross-sector experience navigating complex, multi-party environments - including contentious community issues, collective impact projects, collaborative processes and partnership negotiations.

His most recent assignments of relevance include:

- Designing and delivering a stakeholder engagement session for the Wollongong City Council to assist in their development of an energy equity participation plan;
- Facilitating a decision-making systems improvement session for a major global property management group as part of a crisis response;
- Facilitating an AI Decision Readiness Lab for a diverse group of local and international corporate leaders;
- Designing and delivering a Stakeholder Smarts working session for the membership and partnerships team within the Property Council of Australia;
- Designing and delivering focus group sessions to engage a cross-sector of clients of a major employment services provider; and
- Delivering a U Tas Alumni webinar entitled *The Art of Herding Cats: Career and life boosting facilitation skills!*

Clients consistently describe Phil's style as down-to-earth, rigorous and engaging - someone who brings both the strategic framework and the room-reading instincts that experienced executives and directors respect.

