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Day 2 – In-House Corporate Lawyers

*Navigating Climate Change – Risks and
Reporting Obligations*

About Kirsty Ruddock

Kirsty works on corporate work at the EDO which aims to ensure corporations remain accountable for climate claims and meeting our climate goals. The EDO is currently involved in two misleading or deceptive conduct claims relating to net zero plans in Federal Court cases, representing Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility v Santos Ltd and Greenpeace Australia Pacific v Woodside Energy Ltd.

Previously Kirsty was Director of Water Enforcement Taskforce at Natural Resources Access Regulator within the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment with over 20 years experience in regulatory law. The Taskforce is responsible for the prosecutions and major investigations conducted by NRAR (with 23 commenced to date since May 2018).

Previously she worked as Director – Compliance and Investigations for major infrastructure/mining/state significant projects. Prior to joining DPIE, Kirsty was the Director – Enforcement (NSW) at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, where she worked on a number of high profile investigations including into unconscionable conduct in vocational colleges, petrol and supermarket discounts and collusion in foreign exchange markets. She has also worked as the Principal Solicitor of the EDO NSW and North Queensland, a community legal centre that specialises in public interest environmental law including on a number of climate change and environmental law test cases. She also worked in native title law at the Cape York Land Council and as a Lecturer in environmental law at James Cook University.

Kirsty also worked as a lawyer at the Public Solicitors Office of the Solomon Islands and Attorney Generals Office of Samoa. She started her legal career at the Australian Government Solicitor working in regulatory and administrative/environmental law.