



## Mediator - Arbitrator – Adjudicator

**Eric has 40 years of international experience in various dispute resolution techniques including 19 years as a Judge of the Queensland District Court.**



### Selected Experience

- Arbitrator for a number of major commercial disputes in Australia.
- Energy Arbitrator pursuant to the *Electricity Act 1994* and the *Gas Supply Act 2003*.
- Mediator for numerous industrial/commercial matters in Australia.
- Regularly briefed by the Attorney-General (Commonwealth) to appear as Counsel in Native Title and construction/mining litigation/negotiation matters. Held briefs from the Attorney-General (Commonwealth) in the following matters:
  - The **Woodward Royal Commission** on Native Title (NT) 1973/1974
  - **Negotiation** on behalf of traditional aboriginal owners the terms and conditions of mining uranium at **Nabarlak** (NT) 1974
  - Appeared on behalf of traditional aboriginal owners at **The Ranger Uranium Environmental Enquiry** 1975/1976
  - **Negotiated** on behalf of traditional aboriginal owners the terms and conditions of mining uranium at **Jabiluka** (NT) 1976/1977
  - Negotiated on behalf of traditional aboriginal owners the terms and conditions of the lease-back to the Commonwealth from **Native Title landowners of the Kakadu National Park** 1977/1978
  - **Negotiated** on behalf of traditional aboriginal owners the terms and conditions of mining uranium at **Koongarra** (NT) 1981/1982
- Experience gained in these matters led to publication of a speech delivered to the ANZUS Conference in 1978 on "Aboriginals and Mining" See Search (ANZUS) Vol 9 No. 3 1978.

### Professional History

- Private Consultant, Brisbane, 2000 - present
- District Court Judge, Brisbane, 1982 - 2000
- Practised as a Barrister, frequently in commercial, construction, land title matters and arbitrations, Brisbane, 1972 - 1982.
- Practised as Barrister and Solicitor and appeared as counsel in numerous commercial, construction, land acquisitions/restoration of title matters, Papua New Guinea, 1965 – 1972.

### Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland, 1965
- Appointed Queen's Counsel for Queensland and the Northern Territory 1979/1980
- Appointed Judge of District Court, Queensland, 1982
- Accredited Mediator, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia – interest based facilitative mediation / negotiation.
- Grade 1 Arbitrator, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia

### Teaching

- Lectured in arbitration at the Queensland University of Technology 2001 – 2004.
- Conducted over 10 courses as main trainer in The Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation and Conciliation.
- Conducted numerous courses as trainer in The Certificate in Adjudication.

### Affiliations

- Life Member, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia.
- Queensland Chapter, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia Chairman, 2001 – 2006

### Countries of Work Experience

- Australia
- Papua New Guinea