

Independent Assurance

Boards and sponsors ask one question more than any other: is this programme really on track? We give the independent, evidence-based answer, in time to do something about it. Our reviews follow the discipline of Gateway practice, culminating in a Delivery Confidence Assessment the board can act on, and our reviewers have run programmes of the same scale and consequence, so they know where risk actually hides. We assure programmes, portfolios, business cases, and gates, and we put every finding on evidence: documents, data, and structured interviews, never hallway impressions. The output is a candid position, a short list of actions that would change the outcome, and a follow-through check that they did.

The Precision Approach

Genuinely independent

We take no delivery role on programmes we assure, and we have no stake in the answer beyond the truth of it.

Gateway-grade discipline

Terms of reference, structured evidence, interviews under confidence, and a Delivery Confidence Assessment with a clear RAG rationale.

Report in time to act

Reviews are short and intensive, findings are briefed before we leave the building, and recommendations are few, material, and owned.

Reviewers who have delivered

Every review is led by a practitioner who has held Programme Director or equivalent accountability at comparable scale.

Evidence first

Findings trace to documents, delivery data, and corroborated interviews.

Close the loop

We track recommendations to closure, because assurance that stops at the report changes nothing.

Key deliverables

Structured by discipline. Shaped to your programme.

Set the terms

- ◆ Assurance review terms of reference agreed with the SRO and board
- ◆ Portfolio-level assurance map showing coverage across the three lines
- ◆ Annual assurance plan for the portfolio, sequenced by risk

Review the programme

- ◆ Delivery Confidence Assessment (RAG with evidence base)
- ◆ Gate review reports across the lifecycle (strategic assessment through to benefits realisation, aligned to Gateway practice)
- ◆ Programme health check report with prioritised, owned recommendations
- ◆ Rapid red team review for decisions under time pressure

Test the case

- ◆ Business case assurance report: assumptions, costings, benefits, deliverability
- ◆ Investment review: does the case still hold at this gate
- ◆ Schedule integrity assessment with schedule risk analysis (P50/P80 view)
- ◆ Cost and contingency adequacy assessment
- ◆ Benefits realisation assurance: are claimed benefits real, owned, measurable

Probe the machinery

- ◆ Governance effectiveness review: decision rights, cadence, information quality
- ◆ Vendor and contract assurance: commercial posture and delivery incentives
- ◆ Technical and architecture assurance deep dive where the risk warrants it
- ◆ Data-driven risk pattern analysis from delivery artefacts (AI assisted)
- ◆ Interview evidence log, anonymised and traceable to findings

Close the loop

- ◆ Recommendation register with owners, dates, and closure evidence
- ◆ Board and Audit and Risk Committee briefing pack and in-person debrief
- ◆ Follow-up review confirming recommendation closure and confidence movement

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Senior only. Fiercely independent. 94.3 per cent on-budget across AU\$2.3 billion governed since 1996.

If you are taking a major programme to a gate, a board, or a regulator in the next quarter, commission the independent read before they ask for it.

If it matters, we should talk.

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