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Bill Hurditch is a foundation principal and director of The Fifth Estate. He provides strategic and business development advice to a wide range of corporate clients in Australia and overseas.

Bill has been active in resource industry advocacy at the State and national levels since 1978, specialising in issues management and business representation. He has worked extensively with government and opposition politicians, other key opinion-leaders and the media, and has been actively involved in formulation of legislation and other initiatives to enhance the natural resource industries - particularly in water, forestry, mining and agribusiness.

He is a strong advocate of micro-economic and structural reform of the public sector, and the development of co- and self-regulation within the private sector. He was a member of the NSW Government's Business Reference Group for regulatory reform, including work on promotion of the Hilmer reform recommendations. More recently he was invited to participate in the 2020 Summit, representing the Rural and Regional Communities stream.

Dr Hurditch was Executive Director of the Chamber of Mines, Metals and Extractive Industries (NSW) from 1993 to 1995. Prior to that he was Executive Director of the NSW Forest Products Association for ten years. These positions have involved a high degree of issues management, strategy development and oversight of business planning.

Bill has been a visiting scientist at Oxford University and lectured to postgraduate and undergraduate students in resource economics, forestry policy, ecology, soil chemistry. He also conducted research into the environmental, social and economic implications of forestry privatisation. He has delivered specialist seminar and conference papers on resource management policy and practice at a range of international forums, including in Washington DC, Oxford, London (Institute of Economic Affairs), and Paris (Institut Euro). He has facilitated conference proceedings on international forest and environment policy.

Bill is a graduate of the University of New England with first class honours in Science and a Ph.D in forest ecology. His research interests include the natural ecology of forests and corporate organisational management. He has published scientific papers, has authored chapters in various text books, and speaks regularly at scientific and popular forums.

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