



Shirli Kirschner is a Nationally accredited mediator. She has been a qualified mediator since 1992 and is the principal of Resolve Advisors Pty Ltd, which she established in August 1996. Resolve provides services resolving disputes, facilitating groups and ADR and system design services to a wide client base.

She has been involved in disputes in the District, Federal and Supreme Courts of NSW and Victoria as well as facilitation of multi-party issues in Australia, Japan, USA and Israel. She has mediated a range of disputes in industries including the National Electricity Market and wholesale telecommunications market. Disputes include commercial; partnership, labour/management; shareholder; Trade Practices; commercial leasing, family business, fraud, franchise and discrimination issues.

Mediation panels:

- LEADR advanced panel of mediators
- Law Society
- Singapore National Electricity market
- KNS workplace solutions panel

Other Relevant positions:

- Appointed by the Australian Energy Regulator as the Resolution Adviser National Electricity Market Rules disputes (wholesale electricity market disputes)
- Dispute Resolution Adviser for National Gas Rules disputes (Victorian Gas markets)
- Sessional Lecturer UNSW Masters of Law – Mastering facilitation- running large group processes.
- Editorial committee ADR journal
- The Law Society of NSW ADR Committee (2003-2005)

Training:

- LEADR mediation training and advanced mediation training
- Facilitation (basic and advanced)
- Conflict coaching Synergy model (2005)
- Narrative mediation (2008)
- Getting to Yes Negotiation PIL Harvard (1993) coach for that program in Australia.

Relevant Experience

- (current) Board member Shalom Institute which includes oversight for the Shalom Gamarada project which provides scholarships for Aboriginal doctors.
- (2010) Negotiation training for native title negotiators through the Aurora project, Cairns (February) and Perth (July)



- Participation in the dialogue for building a National curriculum for training of Aboriginal facilitators. (Victoria – ongoing)
- (2009) Hypothetical- issues in Native Title for AIATSIS
- (2008) Capacity building for Gomeroi Nation steering committee (NSW Native Title Services)
- (2009) Facilitator for the public consultations on Closing the Gap in employment and the future of CDEP (FaHCSIA and DEEWAR)
- (2009) strategic planning for the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Group FaHCSIA
- (2008) strategic planning/system design for issues resolution in a particular community (confidential) DIA Western Australia.
- Preliminary meetings for the dialogue between ADM and the traditional owners (Western Australia)
- Mediation between DIA and KLC
- Part of the working Group for the Scoping study for “Solid Work You mob are doing”
- Resource person for Research Discussion paper number 23 “Scoping Process Issues in Negotiating Native Title Agreements ‘ Delwyn Everard

Other large group matters

- Facilitation of the community dialogue on resurfacing of Arlington Reserve (2009)
- Community sessions on the nuclear reactor for ANSTO (2006-2008)
- Facilitation and capacity building in Israel and the administered Territories working with Israeli’s and Palestinians with Israeli passports building cross functional dialogue around identity. Part of an International team (2003), (2004).
- As the dispute Resolution adviser to the National Electricity market, the wholesale telecommunications market (until 2005) and the Victorian Gas market Shirli has had experience case managing large multi-party, complex and litigious matters worth millions of dollars. This requires the ability to match problems and processes and project manage the matter to resolution.

Training and Papers: Lectured and designed programs in dispute resolution and negotiation for a number of organisations locally and internationally including the U.S. Department of the Navy, the Department of Justice (Victoria) the Department of Health and Ageing (NSW), Cotton Australia, NSW Farmers’ Association, the Environment Protection Authority, Energex and Argyle Diamonds. She has been an invited speaker at industry functions and has presented at International conferences, including the National Mediation Conference Darwin (2004), LEADR conference in Melbourne and Christchurch, American Bar Association in Washington DC (2000) and the World Mediation Conference, Asia Pacific Region.



Background: graduate in Arts (Psychology) and Law from the University of New South Wales. She practiced law full-time for six years first at Allen Allen & Hemsley, where she was a Senior Associate, and then at Gilbert & Tobin.

Referees: available on request.