

# ICCPM at Public Sector PMO Leadership Conference



Highlights 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Sector Leadership PMO Conference  
14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

In its 3<sup>rd</sup> event, the Public Sector PMO Leadership Conference brought together Directors, Managers, Executives and Heads Of, from Federal, State and Local Government Departments and Councils, as well as academics and representatives from local health districts to discuss strategic alignment between PMOs and business.

Presenting on the first day of the two day conference ICCPM Acting CEO Collin Smith spoke on the topic of **Competency Standards to shape a new project management paradigm for complex projects**. With PMI's latest *Pulse of the Profession 2018* recently published, the topic was timely to address the need for further tangible tools and skills to be used by today's PMOs in supporting them to adapt and respond to the rate of change within complex projects.

The pace and scope of change within project environments have negatively impacted the Australian Public

*78% of global projects are deemed to be of medium-high complexity. (PMI Pulse of the Profession 2018)*

Service thus far. Recent independent reviews of government processes on the development and implementation of large scale public projects and programs, identified learning from project failure as a capability shortfall and therefore risk to government. The competency standards therefore focus on helping project managers identify complexity and determine the appropriate response to increase capability for excellence through adaptive and enabling leadership response. Read more about the Complex Project Manager Competency Standards [here](#).

*9.9% of every dollar is wasted due to poor project performance....The pace and scope of change underscore the need for excellence in project management. (PMI Pulse of the Profession 2018)*

Others on the day spoke about their experiences of **how a good PMO can function**. Deb Strutt (Darebin City Council) stressed the importance of building **engagement and trust** to achieve the desired outcome. Arvind Tyagi's (NSW Dpt Planning & Environment) key point was that "PMO leaders need to be credible". Taka Bodium (QLD Dpt of Education) suggested that "**continuous improvement** is better than delayed perfection" to ensure the culture of

incremental improvements was embedded in the organisation. Michael Taylor (Fire & Rescue NSW) described how a PMO was used to **drive transformation** and enable his organisation to stay relevant and meet changing needs.

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## About

Bringing together senior public and sector leaders, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Sector PMO Leadership Series focused on "the alignment between the PMO and business to strengthen team capabilities and drive agile improvement to boost maturity." (PMO Leadership Conference)

Conference delegates met to share their challenges, expertise and lessons learnt on how to effectively lead strategic improvement in project, program and portfolio management.

Key learning outcomes from the conference focused on:

- › "Aligning **benefits management & realisation** with **strategic direction**,
- › Improve **transfer of knowledge & team capability**,
- › Adapting to the **rate of change & booting team agility**." (PMO Leadership Conference)

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