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Ethical Society

*Hope, Truth, and Integrity*

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## 2023 FORUM SERIES

### GOVERNING WITH INTEGRITY: A FAILED PROJECT STRUGGLING TO BE REVIVED

The Robodebt Royal Commission has given Australians dramatic evidence that the very underpinnings of our system of government have been trashed at great cost to the country.

The erosion of the Westminster system of government with its requirements that the public interest be served at all times with transparent accountability has too often been distorted and ignored.

The Australian Public Service has been degraded and compromised.

A culture of secrecy and whatever it takes to gain power and retain it has set Australia on the path of Banana Republic style corruption.

The last election may well prove a watershed moment the nation craves.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is promising his government is committed to integrity, honesty and accountability, then again the preceding Morrison Coalition government consistently denied it had failed in this regard.

I will explore what may have changed this time and what is mitigating against Australians getting the standards of probity and behaviour they deserve from their government and parliament.



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In 2014 Paul was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant services to the print and broadcast media as a journalist, political commentator and editor.

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**TUESDAY 20 JUNE 7:00 PM**

Forum Chair: Mr Clive Rodger, Chair,  
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