

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL OUTRAM APM (RETD)



Former Commissioner of the Australian
Border Force and Distinguished Advisor,
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Michael Outram was the Commissioner of the Australian Border Force (ABF) for seven years. He was responsible for securing 33,000 km of coastline, 8.2 million km² of ocean, and overseeing tens of millions of containers, parcels, and passengers crossing the border. With a workforce of 5,500 officers, he transformed the ABF's risk and operating model to enable agile, intelligence-led responses to evolving threats. Michael's strategic partnership with industry was pivotal in facilitating nearly \$1 trillion in two-way trade while enhancing border security through precision risk management. His industry advisory network played a key role in navigating the ABF through the closure and reopening of Australia's borders during the global pandemic.

Michael's leadership as Asia-Pacific Chair of the World Customs Organization (WCO) drove major international advancements in illicit trade enforcement, trade-based money laundering countermeasures and trusted supply chain partnerships.