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Mal Skipworth has over 30 years experience in providing legal advice to local government and government owned corporations.

His practice concentrates mainly on advisory, corporatisation and commercial issues affecting local government and government owned corporations in North Queensland. In his general advisory work, he acts for many government departments, local governments and statutory authorities.

**Areas of Practice**

- Government and public law
- Corporatisation
- Competition law
- Commercial law

**Experience**

During his accomplished career, Mal has achieved many legal milestones, including the drafting of submissions to government regarding proposed amendments to the Harbours Act, Transport Infrastructure Act and Local Government Act. Mal has acted on behalf of numerous Council entities on all aspects of public law. Relevant clients include Cook, Torres, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Mornington and Aurukun Shire Councils and Kowanyama Aboriginal Council.

Mal is fully familiar with the wide range of issues confronted by indigenous Councils. He has extensive experience in dealing with these issues in the Council areas and understands the cultural sensitivities, which need to be taken into account in reaching solutions and agreements.

**Qualifications & Memberships**

- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, 1980
- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 1980
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Otago, New Zealand, 1968
- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, 1967
- Honorary Solicitor, Northern Development Industry Association
- Member, Queensland Environment Law Association