

Contributors

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The Honourable Dr **Ken Coghill** was a member of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria from 1979 to 1996 during which time he was Speaker from 1988 until 1992. After attending Caulfield Grammar School, he studied veterinary science at the University of Melbourne; after leaving Parliament he took a PhD at Monash University. Since 2001 he has been Co-Director of the Parliamentary Studies Unit at Monash University.

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