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SPEAKING TOPICS

- Finding Your Way Through Complexity
- AI & The Future of Government Delivery
- Leadership in High-Stakes Environments
- From Reactive to Strategic: Modern PMO
- Digital Transformation That Actually Sticks

CREDENTIALS

- National AIPM Award Winner
- MSc — University of Canberra
- MSc — University of Hertfordshire
- SAFe LPM, MSP, PRINCE2, PSM
- AWS & Microsoft Certified
- Author — 3 Published Books
- 17+ Years Experience

FEATURED IN

Tech in Gov 2024, Canberra
Digital NSW 2024 Showcase
PMI National Conference, Ghana
Tech Talks Daily Podcast
AgileDrop Podcast
ARNnet · IT Brief · TechDay
PM World Journal

FORMATS

- Keynote presentations
- Conference panels
- Executive workshops
- Podcasts & webinars

THE BIG IDEA

Complexity in government isn't the problem. Complaining about it is.

Paul Oppong has spent more than a decade inside some of Australia's most complex public sector environments — and rather than finding the complexity exhausting, he finds it genuinely fascinating. His work, his writing, and his speaking all come from the same place: the conviction that with the right governance, the right thinking, and the right people, there is always a way through.

ABOUT PAUL

Paul is a Melbourne-based consultant, author, and speaker specialising in public sector transformation, project portfolio management, and the responsible adoption of AI. Originally from Ghana, he built his career across financial services in Africa and Europe before making a deliberate move into Australian public sector work — where he has done his most meaningful work.

He partners with executives, PMOs, and delivery teams across federal, state, and local government — spanning health, climate, technology, and infrastructure — to bring clarity to how organisations plan, decide, and execute. His approach blends deep governance expertise with a rare ability to make complexity feel navigable rather than overwhelming.

Outside of work, Paul follows Manchester United with more loyalty than they have earned lately, watches Formula One for the strategy as much as the racing, and tends to a growing collection of houseplants with mixed results.

WHAT AUDIENCES TAKE AWAY

A reframe on complexity.

Government complexity exists for good reason. This session helps leaders stop fighting it and start working with it deliberately.

Practical governance thinking.

Real frameworks drawn from real delivery environments — not textbook models that fall apart under pressure.

Confidence with AI.

An honest, grounded perspective on where AI genuinely helps in public sector delivery, and where the hype still outpaces the reality.

Leadership that fits the context.

What it actually takes to motivate teams, maintain momentum, and make sound decisions in high-stakes environments.

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

Tech in Gov 2024 Canberra	AI-Informed Technology to Optimise Government Project Outcomes
Digital NSW 2024 ICC Sydney	Portfolio Management Solutions for Public Sector Transformation
PMI National Conference Accra, Ghana	Redefining Project Portfolio Management with OKRs
Federal Gov Connect Microsoft HQ, Canberra	Facilitator — Cross-agency PPM Roundtable

MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

Featured in ARNnet, IT Brief, TechDay, Channellife, PM World Journal, and The Project Times. Podcast appearances on Tech Talks Daily and AgileDrop. Author of The Future-Proof Business Transformation Playbook, Motivational Agility, and Leadership Excellence.