



Dr James Cockayne
NSW Anti-Slavery Commissioner

Dr James Cockayne grew up in Sydney and now lives on Bundjalung country in the Northern Rivers. Trained in law, public policy and human rights, James spent two decades overseas promoting human rights and responsible business practices – from counter-terrorism work in Africa and the Middle East, to advising United Nations leaders in New York, Geneva and Tokyo. Over the last decade James’ efforts have focused on the global fight to end modern slavery. He was appointed as NSW’s inaugural independent Anti-slavery Commissioner on 1 August 2022, for a five year term.