

Craig Ervine: Panel 3 Introduction

The rapid development of technological innovations continues to reshape the way we communicate, relate to and understand human experience. Fundamentally, ethical inquiry is concerned with “how to act” and this question is increasingly at the centre, either explicitly or implicitly, of examinations and investigations around how technology influences and impacts the governance of our social, political and economic experience.

The Tait Report suggested strategies to promote ongoing attention to ethics and values and urged continuing ethics education and development for public servants and others. The idea that ethical considerations need to be at the front end of more conversations is, arguably, as important now and for the future as it was twenty years ago, if not more so. Our objective this afternoon is to share some views of how ethics and public values may evolve over the next two decades.