Michael Kirby, retired judge of the High Court of Australia, is the first openly gay High Court Judge and is a champion for greater tolerance and equality yet is steeped in legal traditions. Professor AJ Brown has written a biography about Kirby titled Paradoxes and Principles.

Kirby was born in the Crown Street Hospital and has a very supportive family which helped shape him as a person. Michael Kirby explains that he was once unsure of his career path and toyed between being a judge or a bishop. During his time on the bench of the High Court he became known by some as the Great Dissenter for is differences of view. Kirby explains that he lost 12 close friend to the AIDS virus and says it was a terrible time for gay men in Australia which prompted him to be more vocal. CHOGM will be held in Perth and Kirby believes that Australia should still be a Constitutional Monarchy and asserts the Queen will live to an old age.

Kirby mentions that Kerry O'Brien, Journalist, is giving the Wallace Wurth lecture at the University of NSW. Kirby says equal justice under law and looking after the minorities in society is what he holds at highest importance. Kirby remarks that Australia has improved vastly yet he is still considered a second class citizen for being a homosexual.

Interviewee
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