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**Date of birth: 7 March 1959**

**Nationality: Australian**

**Education: BEc / LLB (ANU)**

**Employment:**

1980-81: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs

1982-85: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations

* macroeconomic and labour market forecasting and policy

1986-91: Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce

* Industrial policy, protection reductions
* Industrial investment attraction

1992-93: Bureau of Industry Economics

* Evaluation of government programs
* Economics of research and development

1994-2000: NSW Department of Transport

* Hunter Valley coal chain policy
* Government trading enterprise framework
* National competition policy
* Separation of NSW railways, track corporation, assets, access regime
* National rail policy; aims, shareholding, industry structure eg. ARTC, advisory structure
* Sales of businesses; National Rail, FreightCorp
* Regulation and service obligation specification and reviews

2001-2003: NSW Office of Coordinator General of Rail

* Asset management country rail network
* Grain and rural freight
* Hunter and Queensland coal economic regulation
* Alignment of asset management and Australian accounting standards

2004-2008: NSW Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator

* Performance of country network
* Performance of freight systems
* Review external governance of transport in NSW; structure and relation to government

2008-2014: Infrastructure Australia

* Project assessment; freight, rail proposals
* Historical aspects of national rail freight network
* National ports strategy
* National land freight strategy
* Subsidy policy, accounting, asset management and infrastructure
* National urban transport strategy