

DEBORAH COPE CV

Deborah Cope has over 35 years' experience in analysing and reforming governments' economic, social and environmental policies. Deborah has also been involved in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of regulation and regulators, and developing and implementing consumer and competition policy. She has considerable experience in writing government reports and facilitating consultation.

Deborah has been appointed as a member of New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal until 2025 She sits on the delegated committee for the regulation of electricity network safety, and chairs the delegated committee on local government. She is also the principal of PIRAC Economics, a consulting business started in 2000, and has worked with public sector agencies to analyse and address policy problems and improve regulation and how it is implemented by regulators.

Deborah was a Commissioner with the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) for 6 years. She developed Victoria's manual and supporting paper on how to implement risk-based regulation, led regulatory improvement studies with the Victorian Environmental Protection Authority, VicRoads and the Victorian Commission for Gaming and Liquor Regulation, and oversaw regulatory impact assessment across several portfolios. She presided over the inquiries into feed-in tariffs and barriers to distributed generation, and the Victorian tourism industry, and was a Commissioner on six other VCEC inquiries, including investigating priorities for a state-based reform agenda and ways to improve Victoria's regulatory framework.

CURRENT COMMISSION, BOARD AND PANEL APPOINTMENTS

- Member of the New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)
- Member National Disability Insurance Agency's Pricing Reference Group
- Member of the Victorian Essential Services Commission Appeals Panel
- Member of the ASIC Consultative Panel

PREVIOUS COMMISSION, BOARD AND PANEL APPOINTMENTS

- Commissioner with the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
- Member of the Board of the Cooperative Research Centre for the Sustainable Development of Tropical Savannas
- Chair of the Consultative Committee for the Cooperative Research Centre for the Sustainable Development of Tropical Savannas
- Member of the Board of the Northern Territory Centre for Social Research
- Appointed by the Victorian Government to lead an independent inquiry into casino regulation in Victoria.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- Victorian Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia
- Australian Economics Society

CAREER DETAILS

2017-Current — Tribunal Member New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

2000-current — Principal PIRAC Economics

2008-2015 — Commissioner Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission

2003 — Acting Executive Director National Competition Council

1996-2000 — Deputy Executive Director National Competition Council – managing the transport area during the establishment of the NSW Rail Access Undertaking

1993-1996 — Various positions, including Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Office of Northern Development

1985-1993 — Various positions Industry Commission and Industries Assistance Commission

QUALIFICATIONS

Degree: Bachelor of Economics (Hons)

Institution: University of New England, Australia (Year attained 1986)