

Mike Smart

Mike Smart is an economist specialising in price regulation, utility licensing and competition law. He has been the Chief Economist at IPART since May 2015 and was appointed a Deputy Tribunal member in February 2020. Prior to these IPART roles, he advised the industry leading firms in telecommunications, rail, ports, logistics, gas, mining, electricity, aviation, payment systems and stock exchanges in Australia and New Zealand. He has advised organisations in the United States, Bahrain and South Africa.

Mike has given expert evidence in the Federal Court of Australia and the Australian Competition Tribunal. He advised the Public Accounts Committee of the NSW Parliament on inquiries into the Forestry Commission and financing urban infrastructure.

Mike was a member of the Competition and Consumer Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia from 2008 to 2019. He is a community member of a Professional Conduct Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association (since 2017).

Experience

2020 – present Deputy Tribunal member, IPART
2015 – present Chief Economist, IPART
2010 – 2015 Consulting Director, Sapere Research Group
2008 – 2010 Consulting Director, LECG Limited
2005 – 2008 Vice President, CRA International
2000 – 2005 Executive Director, NECG, Australia
1996 – 2000 Manager Corporate Strategy, Rail Access Corporation of NSW, Australia
1993 – 1996 Director, Smart & Kay Pty Ltd, Australia
1989 – 1993 Independent Consultant, Australia
1986 – 1989 Engineering Manager, Science & Computing Applications P/L, Australia
1984 – 1985 Associate, Decision Focus Inc, Los Altos, CA (USA)
1980 – 1983 Professional Officer, University of NSW, Australia

Education

BA Magna Cum Laude (Astrophysics), Harvard University 1979.