

“The Independent Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory”

Dr Allan Hawke



Allan Hawke was born in Canberra on 18 February 1948, educated in Queanbeyan and at the Australian National University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree with 1st Class Honours (1970) and Doctor of Philosophy (1976).

He joined the Commonwealth Public Service in 1974 as an Administrative Trainee with the Public Service Board and rose through the ranks to Deputy Secretary in Defence and Prime Minister and Cabinet; Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Keating; and Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, Transport and Regional Services, and Defence.

He completed his public service as High Commissioner to New Zealand, retiring on 27 February 2006 to become Chancellor of the Australian National University for a three year term.

Allan was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration in 1998 and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management in 1999 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public service. In 2001 he became a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The Australian Financial Review's "Boss" Magazine, named him as one of Australia's top 30 true leaders in its inaugural list in 2001.

He was a recipient of the Centenary Medal in 2003 and appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the 2010 Queen's Birthday List for eminent service to public administration, particularly through the formulation and implementation of policy in the areas of transport, defence and education, and to the strengthening of bilateral relations with New Zealand.

Allan now serves on a range of public and private sector boards, has conducted a series of Government enquiries and is involved in a number of charitable, community and sporting organisations.

Dr Malcolm Roberts, APPEA



Dr Roberts joined APPEA as CEO in mid June 2015. He brings considerable experience in industry associations, having held leadership roles with the Energy Networks Association, The National Generators' Forum, the Australian National Retailers Association and the Housing Industry Association.

Malcolm has also worked in government as a policy adviser to ministers and in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He was an adviser and then chief of staff to Ian Macfarlane in 2001-04 and 2006-07.

Noel Richards, Deloitte



Noel has 13 years of experience as an applied economist and policy adviser. He has a strong background in public policy evaluation and formulation, macroeconomic analysis, cost benefit assessment and economic impact analysis.

Noel has been based in Western Australia for most of this career where he has been involved in projects across a variety of sectors including transport, health, oil and gas, pipeline operations, mining and energy.

Prior to joining Deloitte, Noel was a principal economist with AECOM Australia. Noel also worked in the UK as a macroeconomist and policy adviser for the UK government. Noel holds a Master of Commerce in economics and finance and a Bachelor of Economics in business economics and banking.