

Commonwealth Agencies Update

September 2013

Following the swearing-in of the first Abbott Ministry on 18 September 2013, the Coalition government announced changes to certain Commonwealth agencies. An updated list of selected Commonwealth agencies can be found on the following page.

The incoming government announced that AusAID, Australia's overseas aid agency, will be integrated into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). AusAID Deputy Director General Ewen McDonald will act as the agency's head during the merger process.

The Coalition government also announced that the Climate Commission, which was established to provide public information on the effects of and potential solutions to global warming, will be abolished. This work will now be undertaken by the Department of the Environment.

Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Greg Hunt, further indicated that the government was preparing legislation in order to dismantle the Climate Change Authority. The government has also requested the Clean Energy Finance Corporation cease lending with a view to its eventual abolition.

Administrative arrangements

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the first Abbott Ministry is available [here](#), and the Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the appointment of Commonwealth Departmental Secretaries is available [here](#).

The Administrative Arrangements Order, which assigns policy responsibility and the administration of legislation to specific departments, was released on 18 September and can be accessed [here](#).

Hawker Britton Agency Snapshots

An updated Agency Snapshot on the Productivity Commission is available [here](#).

An updated Agency Snapshot on Infrastructure Australia is available [here](#).

An Agency Snapshot on the National Preventative Health Authority is available [here](#).



List of Selected Commonwealth Agencies

Agency	Head
ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation)	Mr Mark Scott (Managing Director)
Airservices Australia	Ms Margaret Staib (CEO)
AusAID - Overseas Aid (to be integrated into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)	Mr Ewen McDonald (Acting Director General)
Austrade (Australian Trade Commission)	Mr Bruce Gosper (CEO)
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)	Mr Brian Pink (Australian Statistician)
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)	Mr Rod Sims (Chairman)
Australian Crime Commission (ACC)	Mr John Lawler AM APM (CEO)
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	Mr Michael Pezzullo (CEO)
Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)	The Hon. Peter Heerey AM QC (Chairman)
Australian Energy Regulator (AER)	Mr Andrew Reeves (Chairman)
Australian Federal Police (AFP)	Commissioner Tony Negus APM
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	Mr Ian Govey (CEO)
Australian Human Rights Commission	Prof. Gillian Triggs (President)
Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)	Prof. Rosalind Croucher (President)
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)	Mr Leo Zussino (Chairman)
Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS)	Mr Nick Warner AO PSM (Director-General)
Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)	Mr Greg Medcraft
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)	Mr David Irvine (Director-General)
Australian Taxation Office (ATO)	Commissioner Chris Jordan AO
Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)	Chief Commissioner Martin Dolan
Board of Taxation	Ms Teresa Dyson (Chair)
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)	Mr Robert Bromwich SC (Director)
Commonwealth Ombudsman	Mr Colin Neave (Ombudsman)
Department of the House of Representatives	Mr Bernard Wright (Clerk) – retiring December 2013
Department of the Senate	Dr Rosemary Laing (Clerk)
DisabilityCare Australia	Mr Bruce Bonyhady AM (Chair)
Fair Work Building and Construction	Mr Brian Corney (Acting Director)
Fair Work Commission	Justice Iain Ross AO (President)
Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB)	Mr Brian Wilson (Chairman)
Future Fund	Mr David Gonski AC (Chairman)
Intellectual Property Australia	Mr Philip Noonan (Director General)
Infrastructure Australia	Sir Rod Eddington (Chairman) Mr Michael Deegan (Coordinator)
Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA)	Mr Robert Anderson (Chairman)
Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	Mrs Rhondda Dickson (Chief Executive)
National Preventative Health Authority	Prof Christine Bennett (Chair)
National Transport Commission (NTC)	Mr Greg Martin PSM (Chairman)
National Water Commission (NWC)	Ms Karlene Maywald (Chair)
NBN Co Limited	Mr Michael Quigley (CEO) (retiring) Ms Siobhan McKenna (Chair)
Productivity Commission	Mr Peter Harris (Chairman)
Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)	Mr Glenn Stevens (Governor)