



# STEPHEN HUNTER

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Stephen Hunter has deep expertise in public sector corporate leadership and governance with particular policy knowledge and experience in agriculture, water, the environment, natural resource management and research governance.

He has developed these skills over a lengthy and diverse career in government and the private sector including a decade as Deputy Secretary with three Australian Government Departments.

## MY EXPERTISE

- Research governance
- Strategy and planning
- Program design, development and review
- Public sector leadership
- First class honours degree in Political Science from the Australian National University

## STEPHEN'S CAREER

Stephen's consulting work includes policy and program reviews and evaluations for a number of Australian Government, State government and other organisations. He has also facilitated strategic and business planning processes for public sector agencies. Stephen has extensive experience in coaching and mentoring senior executives and has developed and delivered policy and program skills development programs for several agencies.

Between 2003 and 2006 Stephen was a Deputy Secretary with the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. His responsibilities included disability and housing policies and programs, national disaster recovery coordination and corporate and financial management of the Department.

As Deputy Secretary of the Department of Environment and Heritage between 1998 and 2003 Stephen had oversight of major biodiversity conservation and natural resource management policies and programs, Commonwealth national parks and environmental water issues. During this period he was also a Commonwealth Commissioner on the Murray Darling Commission.

Prior to 1998 Stephen held senior executive positions in the Departments of Transport and Regional Development and Housing and Regional Development including as Director of the Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics and First Assistant Secretary responsible for regional and urban development programs. He was also a senior executive of the ACT Chief Minister's Department from self-government in 1989 through to 1995. He joined the Australian Public Service in 1983 after tentative careers in the mining industry, music and photojournalism.

