

National School Resourcing Board

Members of the National School Resourcing Board

Chair – Dr Michael Chaney AO



Dr Chaney is currently Chancellor of the University of Western Australia. He graduated from the University of Western Australia and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1992. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Western Australia.

After an early career in petroleum geology, Mr Chaney joined the Australian Industry Development Corporation in 1980, becoming Manager for Western Australia in 1981. He joined Wesfarmers in 1983 and was appointed Managing Director in July 1992, retiring from that position in July 2005.

He returned to Wesfarmers as Chairman in 2015 and is also Chairman of Woodside Petroleum Limited. Amongst other public appointments, Mr Chaney is a member of the Commonwealth Science Council and was Chair of the International Education Advisory Council from 2011-2013. He was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in 2004 for services to business and the community.

Deputy Chair – Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC

Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC is a noted Australian higher education administrator with specialist interests in educational equity and excellence. She led the Review of Australian Higher Education in 2008, and served as Vice Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia from 1997 to 2007. She has held many education-related roles at state, national and international levels.

She is currently a member of the Advisory Council for the NSW Centre for Educational Statistics and Evaluation, member of the NSW Skills Board and Director of SEEK Ltd.

Professor Bradley began her professional career as a teacher in secondary schools and colleges. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sydney University, a Diploma of Education from Adelaide University, a Diploma of Librarianship from the University of NSW, and a Masters degree in Social Administration from Flinders University.



Associate Professor Natalie Brown



Professor Natalie Brown is the Director of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment. Professor Brown completed a PhD in Plant Science in 2000. At the University of Tasmania (UTAS), she worked as a junior research fellow in the School of Agricultural Science, then commenced as a Lecturer in Science Education in the UTAS Faculty of Education in 2001.

In 2003, she became Program Director of the UTAS Bachelor of Teaching program, with research interests in professional experience and mathematics education. In 2006, she moved to the Centre for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching at UTAS as a Senior Lecturer, becoming co-Head in 2008. Her next appointment was as Director, Academic Quality, at the Tasmanian Institute of

Learning and Teaching in the Division of Students and Education at UTAS. This role encompassed policy, strategy and professional development in the area of learning and teaching, and promotion of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Professor Greg Craven AO

Professor Greg Craven is a lawyer and academic, and has been Vice-Chancellor and President of Australian Catholic University (ACU) since 2008.

Professor Craven has served on a wide range of public bodies. He chaired the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group and was Deputy Chair of the COAG Reform Council. He currently is a member of the Commonwealth Higher Education Standards Panel (HESP), the Lead Vice-Chancellor for Universities Australia on Quality and Regulation, a member of the Teacher Education Expert Standing Committee (TEESC) for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), and the NSW Vice-Chancellors Committee (NSWVCC) representative on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Board's Initial Teacher Education Committee (ITEC).



Within the Australian Catholic community, Professor Craven is a member of the National Catholic Education Commission and the Truth Justice and Healing Council. In 2016 he was appointed as a Consultor to the Holy See's Congregation for Catholic Education.

Mr Bill Daniels AM



Mr Daniels was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday 2016 Honours list for 'significant service to education as an advocate for the independent schools' sector and to public administration.' He has extensive experience in senior executive leadership and governance in education at the national level, and with the Australian Government. Bill was the Executive Director of the Independent Schools Council of Australia from 2001-2015.

Mr Daniels' expertise extends to a detailed understanding of key aspects of the schools sector and in particular its Commonwealth/State funding arrangements. With over 35 years working on policy matters, he has developed credibility among state, national and international stakeholders in the education sector.

Professor Stephen Lamb

Professor Stephen Lamb is Director of the Centre for International Research on Education Systems at Victoria University, and holds the role of Research Chair in Education there. He has a distinguished record of contribution to educational research and policy over the last 30 years. His research is concerned with how well schools and education systems work, for whom and why.

Professor Lamb has undertaken a range of high-impact policy research projects for governments, systems and schools and has extensive experience on a wide range of international and national projects on school funding, performance of schools and school systems, influences on student achievement and outcomes, quality of school programs, and school to work transition.



Professor Ken Smith



Professor Ken Smith commenced as Dean and CEO of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government in May 2017. Prior to that he was the Agent General for Queensland and Trade and Investment Commissioner for Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. He headed the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet from 2007-2011 following serving as chief executive of a range of Queensland Government departments, including Infrastructure, Education, Arts, Employment and Training, Family Services and Housing Local Government and Planning.

Ken has worked in the public service in NSW, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. He has taken a leadership role in policy, program, legislative and regulatory reforms for more than 25 years. Ken is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and Educational Leadership, and has held adjunct professorial positions at a number of Australian universities. He has extensive experience as a chair and board member of a number of companies and statutory authorities.

Dr Alison Taylor

Dr Alison Taylor is a demographer, with extensive experience in the research and application of demography and related information in an urban and regional planning policy context. She was most recently the NSW Chief Demographer, and before that worked for over 10 years as the leading demographer in the Queensland Government.

Alison gained her Honours and PhD in demography from the University of Queensland. Alison has been a demographic planner for NSW School Education and served on the Queensland Non-State Schools Accreditation Board and Funding Eligibility Committee. Alison has extensive experience in the research and application of population and other projections in an urban and regional planning policy context. This has included applying demographic and related data to support policy, planning, service delivery and infrastructure decisions. A consistent theme across all her roles has been the contribution of information needed to make good strategic decision-making and investment choices.

