



Dr Matthew Butlin

B.Ec (Hons, university medal) 1975, ANU; PhD (Economics), 1980, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Matthew Butlin is a highly experienced, strategic adviser, former chief executive and broadly trained public policy economist.

He combines expert understanding of regulation, analytical tools and methods with strategic and practical insights into what matters. He has extensive experience in public inquiries and in providing balanced, evidence-based advice and recommendations as an independent adviser to top levels of government and business. His leadership roles include the executive Chairs of the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (2008-15) and the South Australian Productivity Commission (2018-21); as well as the Victorian Red Tape Commissioner (2015-18) and a Commissioner of the Australian Productivity Commission (2007-08).

Dr Butlin has the very effective consultation skills that are essential to the inquiry process. His approach is respectful and effective in obtaining views and evidence from a very broad range of stakeholders involved in the more than twenty-five public inquiries and reviews he has undertaken over the past fifteen years. The groups and individuals include both organisations and a wide range of individuals with a wide range of interests including in business, consumer, social and environmental matters. The consistent feedback from stakeholders was their views were heard fairly, understood and taken into account (though not necessarily accepted) in a professional and respectful process. While his core discipline is economics, he understands and integrates a wide range of perspectives in his work, including consumers.

His career also includes senior executive roles in the public and private sectors.

He is an honorary Enterprise Professor at the Melbourne University's Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research and is a member and former Chair (2013 – 2020) of the Melbourne Institute's Advisory Board. He was the national President of the Economic Society of Australia from 2013-2019 and was made an Honorary Fellow of that Society in 2019. He is a part-time Senior Associate of ACIL Allen Consulting.