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Kerry started his professional career in providing economic policy advice at the Commonwealth Government's Department of the Treasury, where he was for 11 years. He spent formative years in the Structural Policy Division of the Treasury that guided the development and implementation of Australian National Competition Policy and related reforms.

Kerry has been a consultant for 12 years, originally commencing with the Allen Consulting Group in 1997. He regularly leads consultancy projects or provides high level input in regard to his main areas of interest that include the following:

- Evaluation of public policy programs.
- Economic evaluation ranging over cost benefit studies to studies using sophisticated CGE models to assess economy wide impacts. This includes the assessment of major projects, policy change and programs in areas including taxation, trade, industry development and social policy.
- Infrastructure funding examining options such as user charges, developer contributions, taxes, rates, debt and innovative PPP structures for road, rail, electricity, communications, water, health, education and other facilities.
- Intersection of policy regarding economic, social and environment issues and solutions, with a track record in areas including greenhouse gas abatement policy, renewable energy, salinity, and community development.

Kerry's particular interest in providing strategic economic advice regarding competition policy and regulatory change are apparent in recent projects including the following:

- *State Business Tax Reform*, a study prepared for the Business Coalition for Tax Reform (2009).
- *The Telstra Return on a National FTTN Network: Community Impacts*, prepared for the Competitive Carriers Coalition (2008).
- *Reform of the Retail Lease Market in NSW*, prepared for the Shopping Centre Council of Australia (2008).
- *Gambling with Policy*, a study prepared for the Gaming Technology Association (2008).

- *Mandatory Horticulture Code of Conduct*, a regulation impact statement examining the application of standards to transactions in the national market for horticultural goods. This study was prepared for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *Direct costs of BASIX compliance for multi-unit dwellings*, for the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (2005).
- *Competitive Neutrality in the Medical Indemnity Insurance Industry*, a submission to the Rogers Review about this issue for MIPS, a medical indemnity insurer.
- *Economies of scale and scope: Investigation into the Sydney and Hunter water and wastewater networks*, prepared for IPART in 2007.
- *Business costs of traffic congestion*, including a review of regulatory issues for the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (2006).
- *The removal of restrictions on multi-channelling by commercial television broadcasters* for the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (2004).
- *BASIX Building Sustainability Index*, a review of a proposed regulatory change for houses for the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (2003).
- *Medical Indemnity Prudential Supervision and Product Standards* prepared for MIPS (2003).
- *Assessment of the Impact of Regulation Which Mandates a 10 Per Cent Ethanol Content in Petrol* prepared for NRMA Motoring and Services.
- *Energy market reform and greenhouse gas emissions* prepared for the Department of Industry, Technology and Resources.
- *Australia's Information Economy: The Big Picture*, a study prepared for the Australian Government's NOIE examining the impact of different approaches to competition policy in telecommunications.

Kerry holds a Masters in Public Policy from the Public Policy Program at the Australian National University.