



# The Allen Consulting Group

## John D Bell

Senior Associate

*Educated at Auckland and Sydney universities (Ph D, Sydney).  
Postdoctoral Fellow at University of California at Los Angeles and at  
the Australian National University.*

Dr John Bell has extensive experience in policy analysis, development and implementation. He has also successfully designed, managed and evaluated major Government programs.

John has held senior positions with the Commonwealth Government, including Deputy Secretary and Chief Science Adviser in the (now) Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources. He also served as Acting Director of the Australian Institute of Marine Science, and led the commercial arm of the ANU.

Dr Bell's other previous appointments include Chairman of the Commonwealth Coordinating Committee on Science & Technology and the CRC Committee. He has been a Member of the Prime Minister's Science Prizes Committee, the Australian Space Council, Industry R&D Board, ARC, Australian Technology Awards Judging Panel, the Defence Industry Committee. John has been a Director of the Australian Technology Group Ltd, and Australian Science Festival Ltd.

John's international experience includes more than seven years working with the OECD in Paris. He has represented Australia on committees in science and technology, environment and education. In the 1980s John was Head of the OECD's Division responsible for policy and program analysis in science, technology and innovation. He also led a group that drafted OECD biotechnology guidelines.

### Professional Interests

Dr Bell's scientific credentials have been recognised by his election as a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 1993, and a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute in 1994. He is also a Companion of Engineers Australia. In 2003 John was awarded a Centenary of Federation medal for his strategic contribution to research and development in Australia.

### Studies and reports

John has led or contributed to a wide range of projects in science, innovation, education, health, the environment and various industry sectors.

These include:

- Reviews of a number of Government programs including the Technology Diffusion Program, the Regional Tourism Program and the BITS Incubator Program.
- Reviews of government telephone hotlines and government electronic procurement activities.
- Gateway reviews of major Commonwealth Government procurement projects.
- Major strategic reviews of Invest Australia and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- Advice to NICTA and the automotive CRC.
- Major studies on Australia's role in international science and technology including analysis of sources of support.
- A major report on Science and Technology Parks in Asia.
- Work for the Australian Research Council that led to increased funding.
- A study of international factors influencing the availability of Australian science and engineering skills.
- A strategy to establish a national institute for quality teaching and school leadership.
- Cost benefit analysis of the Disability Standards for Education.
- Analysis for the Review of Australia's Plasma Fractionation Arrangements.
- Evaluation of funding provided to HIV/AIDS research institutes.
- Evaluation of the impact of controls on precursor chemicals.
- Review of climate research resulting in a funding a new Climate Adaptation Centre (\$126m over four years).
- Strategic analysis of CSIRO's role in assisting SMEs.
- Review of gambling research in Australia.

Other work has included:

- OECD Review of Innovation in New Zealand in 2006-7.
- Assessment of the Socio-economic Benefits arising from Major National Research Facilities.
- Major contributor/editor of 28 OECD publications, including reviews of national science, technology and innovation policies. Founding editor of OECD's STI Review.