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Brett joined the Allen Consulting Group in January 2004, after 18 years with the Australian Government as a professional economist and policy adviser. His career spans a broad range of policy issues including climate change and the environment, industry development and structural adjustment, natural resources, energy efficiency and use of market approaches.

He has worked in a policy development and advisory role in the Australian Greenhouse Office, Productivity Commission, Bureau of Industry Economics, Department of Finance, Commonwealth Treasury and the Industries Assistance Commission.

Experience includes:

- lead author and adviser to the National Emission Trading Taskforce (Australian States and Territories) on development of a greenhouse gas trading system, and its economic impacts;
- regulatory impact assessment — including for the Victorian Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans (EREP) program;
- advice to COAG committee on design and economic impacts of mandatory energy efficiency investment programs;
- review of the Greenhouse Challenge Plus program — a voluntary approach to emissions reduction;
- process review of the National Framework for Energy Efficiency (NFEE);
- consultant and modeller to the Business Roundtable on Climate Change, focusing on decisive long term climate action, and contributor to the 'Deep Cuts' report;
- co-author of the 'Risk and Vulnerability' report to the Australian Greenhouse Office on climate change adaptation priorities;
- advice to COAG Climate Adaptation committee on research funding needs and priorities;
- consultant on environmental competitiveness issues for the Australian Food Industry;
- co-author of advice to the federal environment department on landholder conservation program design issues;

- consultant to New Zealand government agencies on market approaches to resource management and program design;
- consultant to the National Farmers' Federation on emissions trading and related greenhouse issues ('Emissions Trading and the Land');
- cost-benefit analysis and modelling advice to the Environmental Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC), the Commonwealth and State government agencies on waste policy and program design issues;
- lead author of the Australian Greenhouse Office's (AGO) emissions trading discussion paper series and the Australian Government's 'credit for early greenhouse action' initiative;
- lead author of the AGO submission on emissions trading to the Council of Australian Governments' (Parer) Energy Market Review;
- analysis of performance and strategic issues in Australia's marine industries and in naval shipbuilding; and
- author of a range of reports by the Bureau of Industry Economics dealing with voluntary industry agreements, Australia's position in the international greenhouse negotiations and possible burden sharing arrangements, impediments to energy efficiency and small business policy issues.

Brett is also Executive Manager of the Asia-Pacific Emissions Trading Forum (AETF) and advises a range of government clients in Australia and overseas. Major corporate clients include BHP Billiton, Anglo Coal and MTAA. He began his career as a trainee mechanical engineer, later moving to the Economics program at the University of Newcastle (NSW).

He graduated with Honours — receiving the Morison Prize in Economics IV and the Economics Society Prize. He has a strong understanding of business and technology-related issues, and their importance to the practical application of economics to policy development and decision-making.