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**COMMISSIONER
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Name Robyn McLeod

Position South Australian Commissioner for Water Security

Profile Robyn McLeod is South Australia's first Commissioner for Water Security.

Robyn is responsible for leading the development of innovative policy solutions across Government to ensure the long-term future of South Australia's water supplies to meet the State's economic, environmental and social needs.

Her first priority has been to successfully develop and launch *Water for Good*, a plan to ensure South Australia's water future to 2050. *Water for Good* provides 94 actions to diversify South Australia's water sources, improve water conservation and efficiency, and modernise the water industry.

Other key responsibilities include the \$610M Murray Futures program to secure future water supplies, renew irrigation industries and communities and secure improvements to the river's health by providing flexibility in how the system is managed in the future; stormwater management initiatives; South Australia's contribution to the National Water Initiative; and the provision of expert advice to the State's Water Security Council.

With an extensive background in water management and public policy for the last 20 years, Robyn has a wealth of experience and knowledge in water issues throughout Australia and overseas and the challenges we face in the future to secure water availability.

In her role as Executive Director of Major Projects, Robyn managed an extensive government water investment portfolio for the Victorian Government, which included one of the most public water projects in Australia to date – the corporatisation of the Snowy Hydro scheme, which saw restoration of environmental flows in the Snowy and Murray Rivers. Other major projects included irrigation efficiency, recycling, innovative urban water projects, desalination, stormwater and one of Australia's largest infrastructure projects - the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline.

Prior to taking up the role as Commissioner for Water Security, Robyn was the Director of KPMG's national Water Group as part of the firm's Climate Change, Water and Sustainability Practice. She was also appointed as Water Industry Advisor to the Government of Tasmania and engaged by the Western Australian Department of Water to support them as Lead Advisor in the implementation of their Water Reform Agenda.

A graduate of both the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Harvard University's Senior Executive Fellows Program, Robyn was also selected as one of the 1,000 participants for the Australia 2020 Summit on the population, sustainability, climate change and water panel, and also recently participated in the Australian Davos Connection Infrastructure Summit.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts
- Diploma of Education
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- USA Department of State Executive Leadership programs 1996 and 2001
- Senior Executive Fellows Program Harvard University 2006
- Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors 2008

Boards & Committees

- South Australian Water Security Council
- The Australian Centre for Social Innovation
- Competitiveness Council of South Australia
- Premier's Science and Research Council of South Australia
- Advisory Board of the University of Adelaide Water Research Centre
- University of Adelaide Business School Advisory Board

Professional Memberships

- IPAA
- Women's Trust
- Harvard University Alumni
- Emilys List

Additional Information

Robyn commenced her career as a secondary school teacher. She has also worked in energy and climate change and held senior positions in the Private Sector with Coles Myer, Deakin Australia and Thiess Services.