



Dermot Casey PSM – Senior Reviewer - Canberra

Dermot retired from the Australian Public Service (APS) in 2013 after a career of forty years in public administration, both in the United Kingdom and Australia. His career has spanned a range of senior policy and operational positions in the areas of children and families health and immigration. The last fifteen years of his career were in the Senior Executive Service (SES) in the Department of Health and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Dermot has extensive experience providing advice to Ministers and senior officials on sensitive and complex cases involving individuals and complex policy settings, and has provided case analysis and advice services and reporting to external agencies. He is able to investigate and analyse workplace behaviour and related situations to a consistently high standard, and has a deep understanding of the requirements and obligations of codes of conduct, values systems and workplace probity and ethics.

Since commencing with CPM Reviews in 2014, Dermot has undertaken a number of investigations concerning behaviours in a range of workplaces and has completed these to a high standard, on time, and within budget.

He started his working career in the UK as a social worker/ social work manager before immigrating to Australia in 1984. He spent seven years with the Department of Community Services as a senior officer in regional New South Wales before moving to Canberra to develop disability policy for the ACT Government.

In 1995 Dermot moved to the APS to join the new National Mental Health program initiative, which he headed up between 1998-2004. Highlights of this period of policy and program reform include the significant increase in mental health awareness within the Australian population and the development of *beyondblue*, which Dermot initiated in 2000 together with Jeff Kennett, the former Premier of Victoria.

In 2005, Dermot transferred to the Department of Immigration in the wake of the Cornelia Rau inquiry, where he established a new Immigration Detention Health Branch. He was awarded the Australian Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Australia Day Honours in January 2008 for “his contribution to the improvement of health and psychological services in Australia’s Immigration Detention Network.”

Dermot is an experienced public administrator with sound knowledge and experience in the Australian public service. In a long career he has developed an awareness and empathy for the complexity of public sector administration. His professional appraisals have been complimentary of his astuteness and engaging leadership style in the very sensitive settings in which he has provided ‘public service’.

Dermot holds professional qualifications with degrees in Social Science and Law together with a Master’s degree in Applied Social Studies.

He is also a father to three successful adult offspring and ‘Papa’ to two grandchildren!

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