

Our management team

Peter Henneken

Director-General

Peter was appointed Director-General of the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations when it was created in October 2006. He was previously Director-General of the Department of Industrial Relations and he has also served as the Deputy Director-General of the former Department of Employment, Training and Industrial Relations. Peter has a long standing interest in the labour market and its impact on the lives of working people.

Barry Leahy

Deputy Director-General

Barry was appointed Deputy Director-General in February 2005. Previously Barry was CEO of Comcare, the organisation responsible for workplace safety, rehabilitation and compensation in the Commonwealth jurisdiction. Barry has worked in the Australian public service for some 30 years and has held senior positions in industrial relations, occupational health and safety and workers' compensation.

Simon Blackwood

Executive Director

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

Simon has been the Executive Director since December 2007. Previously Simon was Executive Director of Private Sector Industrial Relations. He is highly experienced in the field of industrial relations having spent more than 20 years working and studying in the area. He holds a PhD in industrial relations from the University of Queensland.

Julie Dahl

A/Executive Director

Private Sector Industrial Relations

Julie has a long history as a union official and has worked as a registered nurse in Queensland and Western Australia. Before joining the Department of Industrial Relations in 1998, Julie was a policy adviser in the Health Minister's office. Julie has a degree in Labour Studies and recent experience in the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries as a Senior Policy Adviser.

Bernie Carlon

Executive Director

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

Bernie has been leading the division since its inception in 1998. He joined the Queensland public service in 1993 and was the Executive Director of Training and Employment Queensland, and General Manager of the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Commission. Prior to this, Bernie spent 25 years with the Australian Government, including senior positions in employment, training and industrial relations.

Paul Casey
Executive Director
Public Sector Industrial and Employee Relations

Paul was appointed as the Executive Director in December 2007. Paul's experiences in the last 30 years include a variety of human resource and industrial relations environments in the public sector, in the Brisbane City Council, the Queensland Police Service, Education Queensland, the Department of Corrective Services and the Department of Employment and Training.

Peter Lamont
Executive Director
Electrical Safety Office

Peter was appointed Executive Director of the Electrical Safety Office in January 2006. He has more than 25 years experience in the public sector. Peter has previously held senior positions in the areas of industrial relations, workplace health and safety and policy coordination.

Brett Walker
Executive Director
Executive and Strategic Services

Brett was permanently appointed to the role in August 2005. During the past 10 years, Brett has undertaken a number of senior roles within the department and his career in the public sector spans more than 29 years and a number of departments. He is a Fellow of CPA Australia (FCPA).