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Robyn Kruk, AO

Robyn Kruk is a highly experienced former Chief Executive and Secretary who currently holds various statutory and board positions at state, national and international level. Robyn also facilitates Executive Learning Groups as part of the Jeff Whalan Learning Group.

Robyn works with Ministers, Chief Executives and their leadership teams in a wide range of policy, regulatory and service delivery agencies in the Australian and State/Territory Governments. She also holds various advisory roles in the non-government sector and works in a voluntary capacity in the mental health sector to help develop leadership and advocacy skills.

She is Chair of the Western Australian Partnership Forum that brings together agency chief executives and non-government leaders to improve human service delivery and social care outcomes. Robyn was recently appointed by the Federal Health Minister in 2015 to chair the e-health transition process.

Robyn has a long history of driving policy, organisational and operational reforms in complex and politically sensitive areas. She has a strong commitment to public service and capacity building across the sector and the development of effective partnerships at the community level.

Robyn is an active participant in health and environmental governance reforms in China and the USA. She is also an independent assessor for the Dubai Smart Government Awards and Chair Emerita and member of the Reforming States Group in the USA on health reform.

Until 2013, Robyn was the inaugural Chief Executive and Commissioner of the National Mental Health Commission and established the Commission to drive mental health reform initiatives with state and national jurisdictional agencies in partnership with people with lived experience. Robyn's earlier appointments included Secretary of the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. At the state level, Robyn's earlier senior executive appointments included Director General of NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Director General of NSW Health and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Robyn also led the NSW Public Sector Management Office in addition to her roles as Deputy of The Cabinet Office and NSW Premier's Department.

Robyn was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia in 2005 for her services in public administration in the areas of executive government, commonwealth/state relations and in the strategic management of health services, natural resources and environment.

Robyn is an active mentor and coach at both the professional and personal level. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration and a member of the ANZSOG Board. Robyn has a Bachelor of Science (Hons) majoring in psychology, Masters in Administration and completed the Harvard Advanced Management Program.

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