

Our leaders

Dave Stewart

Director-General

Dave was appointed Director-General of DPC in February 2015. Prior to this role he was the Secretary for Transport for New South Wales (NSW), shaping planning, policy and delivery of public transport, roads and freight across NSW.

After a long career in local government and engineering construction in Australia and the United Kingdom, Dave joined the Queensland Government in 2006 as Deputy Coordinator-General within the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, delivering major water and road projects. From June 2008, he was the Director-General of Queensland Transport and then the Department of Transport and Main Roads, overseeing the integration of organisations to a new customer-focused model. His primary responsibility was transport leadership including strategic policy and planning, system stewardship, infrastructure delivery and service delivery.

One of his highlights as the Director-General of DPC has been participating in the community champions program for Aboriginal communities and Torres Strait Islander communities. Through this program, Dave regularly visits gulf communities and assists them to access much needed government services. He is passionate about regional Queensland and engaging directly with residents, business, government and community leaders.

Dave is a civil engineer and holds a Masters degree in Business and a Masters degree in Engineering Science. He completed an executive program at Harvard University looking at private sector involvement in infrastructure delivery. He is a Fellow of Engineers Australia, an Honorary Fellow, Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering, and a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia.

He is a member of the Trade and Investment Queensland Board, Building Queensland Board, Cross River Rail Development Authority Board, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and First Secretaries Group.

Mark Cridland

Deputy Director-General, Policy

As Deputy Director-General, Policy, Mark is responsible for leading the Economic, Social, Environment and Intergovernmental Relations teams in providing high-level strategic policy advice for the Premier and Cabinet and for the implementation of key government decisions. The division Mark leads also supports the Premier's participation on National Cabinet and as Chair of the Queensland Disaster Management Committee.

Mark is Chair of the Advancing Queensland Industry Attraction Fund Panel and Chair of the Investment Panel that considers Exclusive Transactions. He is co-Chair of The Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee and on the Board for Economic Development Queensland. Mark is also a member of Australia's First Ministers' Deputies Group.

Mark is a highly experienced senior executive with 30 years of proven leadership and delivery in large and complex government and private sector organisations.

Between 2013 and May 2018, Mark was a senior director and account leader with KPMG Australia where he led significant engagements across Australia covering infrastructure, economic evaluation, governance, performance frameworks and national reforms.

For the decade prior to 2013 Mark held numerous senior executive roles in Queensland and New South Wales governments. This included Deputy Director-General (Policy, Planning and Investment) in the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads between 2009 and 2013.

Mark has a passion and commitment to public service. He believes in the role it can play in positively influencing outcomes for all Queenslanders.

Filly Morgan PSM

Deputy Director-General, Corporate and Government Services

Filly has more than 25 years' experience in the Queensland public sector. In her current role as Deputy Director-General she leads the delivery of Corporate and Government Services. This includes supporting business before Executive Council, providing advice on machinery-of-government and constitutional matters, leading whole-of-government coordination on veterans' matters and policy, the corporate functions for the department as well as corporate support for Ministerial Offices and the Office of the Leader of the Opposition.

Filly has a broad range of experience in central and line agencies. She has previously worked in senior roles in DPC and the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games. Filly is a Clerk of the Executive Council, the Queensland representative on the Council for the Order of Australia and the Australian Bravery Decorations Council. Filly is also a member of the Audit Committee for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Filly was awarded a Public Service Medal on Australia Day 2018 for outstanding public service through a range of coordination and governance roles in Queensland.

Christine Castley

Acting Deputy Director-General, Strategy and Engagement

Deputy Director-General, Criminal Justice System Reform Framework Program Management Office

Christine has served in multiple senior leadership roles across the Queensland Government, with significant experience in strategic policy, governance and service delivery. In her current role as Deputy Director-General of Strategy and Engagement, Christine leads, directs and coordinates whole-of-government sponsorships and events management plus state occasions, official visits and functions.

Strategy and Engagement is also responsible for leading strategic communications and whole-of-government media relations and supporting enhanced regional stakeholder engagement through the Office for Rural and Regional Queensland and the Regional Community Forums initiative. Prior to this, Christine was Deputy Director-General, Housing, Homelessness and Sport in the Department of Housing and Public Works.

Christine has previously worked in a variety of agencies including Natural Resources and Mines, State Development and the Queensland Performing Arts Trust, and has had primary responsibility for developing significant public sector reform, right to information and privacy legislation.

She is a member of the Residential Tenancies Authority and the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare Boards, and the Institute for Social Science and Welfare Advisory Board.

Christine holds a Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts, Postgraduate Diploma of Arts and Master of Public Administration from the University of Queensland.

Leighton Craig

Cabinet Secretary

Leighton has more than 23 years' experience in the public sector. In his role as Cabinet Secretary, he heads the team responsible for managing services across the Queensland Government that support the operation of the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees. His team also monitors delivery of government commitments and decisions and supports agencies to implement the Queensland Government Performance Management Framework.

Leighton has worked in a diverse range of policy and project areas within government, including law and justice policy, disaster relief, community engagement on significant infrastructure and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage. He has previously headed the legal and constitutional area of DPC and has been a Clerk of the Executive Council since 2010.

Leighton holds a Bachelor of Laws and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1996.

Tony Keyes

Queensland Parliamentary Counsel

Tony Keyes was appointed as Parliamentary Counsel on 15 October 2018. Tony studied law and arts at the University of Queensland and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1990. Tony has had a long and varied legal career, including private and community-sector practice, policy and investigative work at the Criminal Justice Commission, the Ombudsman's Office and the Law Reform Commission, working in law and justice policy for DPC, and serving for almost 10 years as Senior Deputy Crown Solicitor at Crown Law.