

Citation for ESA Distinguished Fellow Public Policy Award 2021: Dr Stephen P King

Dr King's has a long career spanning academia and the public sector. This dual track has seen Dr King at the forefront of both the theoretical and practical aspects of competition policy in Australia, and he has advised numerous government agencies and private businesses on competition issues.

Dr King's main areas of expertise are in microeconomic theory, competition economics, regulation and industrial organization. His research has been published widely, including articles in major international economics journals such as the Journal of Political Economy, the European Economic Review, the Journal of Industrial Economics and the International Journal of Industrial Organization. He has also published in both Australian and international law journals and has contributed to the Australian economics debate through published journal articles, books and popular writings. Dr King has also been an Editor of the Economic Record, the journal of the Economics Society of Australia.

Dr King is presently a full-time Commissioner at the Productivity Commission. He is currently presiding Commissioner for the inquiry into Mental Health, and has previously worked on the Human Services, Competition in the Australian Financial System and Economic Regulation of Airports inquiries.

Dr King was a Member of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from 2004-2009, where he chaired the Mergers Review Committee and was closely involved with a wide range of merger decisions. While at the ACCC, Dr King undertook the Part VIIA inquiries into the price of unleaded petrol in Australia and into the Australian grocery industry, and presided over the first arbitration completed under Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act.

Dr King has also been a part-time Member of the Economic Regulation Authority of WA, a Member of Australia's National Competition Council, a Lay Member of the High Court of New Zealand, and a member of the Review panel considering pharmacy remuneration and regulation.

Dr King has been a Professor of Economics at Monash University in Melbourne where he also held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics from 2009-2011. Previous roles include Professor of Economics at the University of Melbourne and a Professor of Management (Economics) at the Melbourne Business School.

Dr King is an adjunct professor at Monash University and a member of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. He has a PhD in economics from Harvard University.

Dr King has 120 publications on [ResearchGate](#).