

Distinguished Fellow Public Policy Award : Nomination for Professor Alan Fels, Ph.D (Duke)

Allan Fels AO is an Australian economist, lawyer and public servant. He was most widely known in his role as chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from its inception in 1995 until 30 June 2003. Upon his retirement from the ACCC he became foundation Dean of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) until January 2013.

Fels is also currently a Professorial Fellow in both the Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research and in the Melbourne Law School at the University of Melbourne, an Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University and a Visiting Professor in the School of Social Sciences at Oxford University.

Professor Fels has been involved in a significant number of government inquiries or task forces in recent years concerning, for example, taxis, executive pay, migrant workers underpay and has had regulatory roles in Victoria and New South Wales mainly regarding insurance prices and electricity.

His more prominent appointments include:

- Director of the Graduate School of Management, Monash University, 1985-1990
- Prices Justification Tribunal member, 1981 and later Victorian Prices Commissioner, 1982-1991
- Member, Commonwealth Prices Surveillance Authority, 1983-1989
- Chairman, Trade Practices Commission, 1991-1995
- Inaugural Chairman, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), 1995-2003
- Co-Chairman of the Joint Group on Trade and Competition, OECD, 1996-2003
- Founding member, International Competition Network, 2001
- Foundation Dean, Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), 2003-2013
- Member, Alfred Hospital Health Board, 2005-2011
- Member, National Advisory Council on Mental Health
- Chair, National Mental Health Commission, 2012-2018
- Chair, Haven Foundation
- Associate Commissioner, Inquiry into Regulation of Director and Executive Remuneration in Australia, Productivity Commission, 2009
- Victorian Fire Services Levy Monitor, 2013-2015.
- NSW Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor, 2015-2019
- Lead, Victorian Taxi Industry Inquiry, 2011-2013
- NSW Electricity Prices Commissioner, 2014-2019.
- Global Advisory Board of Uber, 2016
- Member of Australian Government Industrial Relations Commission Review, 1991-1992
- Member of the Commonwealth Committee to Review Parliamentary Entitlements, 2009-2010
- Member of the Nomination Panel for Appointments to the Boards of the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)
- Chair, Migrant Workers Taskforce, 2016
- Officer of the Order of Australia, June 2001
- Chair, Visy Governance Board,
- Co-Director, Competition Research Centre, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) and International Adviser to the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS), Beijing.