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Biographical Details

Gary Johns joined the Institute of Public Affairs in 1997. He served in the Australian Parliament from 1987 until 1996 and held Parliamentary Secretary posts in Health and Treasury, and was Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations and Special Minister of State until the 1996 election.

In 2002, he was awarded the Fulbright Professional Award in Australian-United States Alliance Studies, and was based in Washington D.C. In 2003, he was appointed as an Associate Commissioner of the Commonwealth Productivity Commission, and was awarded a Centenary Medal for 'service to Australian society through the advancement of economic, social and political issues'.

He holds a Bachelor of Economics degree and Master of Arts (Geography) degree from Monash University, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science) degree from the University of Queensland.

He heads the IPA's Non-Government Organisation Project. This project studies NGO transparency and accountability, particularly in their relations with government and the corporate sector in the formation of public policy. The IPA's position is that there should be a well-informed market, and an open competition among interest groups for public policy.

In April 2004, he completed (with IPA colleague John Roskam) a research project for the Australian Government, *The Protocol: Managing Relations with NGOs*, a Report to the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership. In March 2004, he addressed Members of the European Parliament in Brussels on these issues.

Speaking Topics

- The role of law and government in society
- Civil Society
- Citizenship
- Political parties and systems
- Aboriginal politics

Recent Books/Journals/Speeches/Submissions

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2003

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy, Queensland Government---Research paper, 'Indigenous Policy Directions.'

2002-

Member of the editorial committee of '*Agenda: A Journal of Policy Analysis and Reform*.' Faculty of Economics and Commerce, Australian National University.

2001-

Board Member The Bennelong Society

1999-2000

Member Australian Citizenship Council---Report, 'Australian Citizenship for a New Century.'

1999

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