

Anna Moynihan

Profile

Anna is a successful leader at senior executive level in government and not-for-profit sectors in social policy development, strategic planning and performance, negotiation and facilitation. She has a reputation as a high performer who delivers excellent results in complex environments. She can bring out the best in people and teams.

Establishing her consultancy business at the end of 2015, primarily focusing on social policy and human service areas, she counts numerous Queensland Government departments as her clients. She has also consulted for the Australian Government and Victorian Government. Anna also works with community sector clients.

In collaboration with her colleague and friend Rachel Healy, in 2017 Anna developed 'Mastering the Craft of Advising Government' training courses for public servants which build capability in providing sound advice for decision-makers that's more easily understood. To date over 1,000 public servants across 16 government departments have undertaken the courses.

Key Competencies

- Strategic policy development, implementation and review to drive reform in complex and difficult policy areas
- Clear, easy to understand and non-bureaucratic written advice in different formats and for different audiences
- Negotiation and facilitation skills in small and large groups
- Facilitating decision-making at Premier, Ministerial, Board, inter-governmental, CEO and Executive levels, delivering accountability, results and good governance
- Establishing and leading successful teams that drive change, improve performance and remain committed
- Social worker with front-line human service experience
- Delivering high quality results with commitment, staying power and humour.

Career Highlights

- Central Agency Lead Advisor – Responsible for social policy development and advice to the Queensland Premier and Cabinet on complex and challenging issues, including child protection, health, disability, emergency management and Indigenous policy
- Tackled a legacy issue - Led the development and delivery of a Redress policy and program; secured government approval of \$100m; oversaw the establishment and execution of a Redress Scheme which assessed 10,200 applications
- Planning and performance in a \$1 billion + organisation - Delivered an integrated strategic plan and performance framework in a complex NGO, positioning it to be more competitive
- Reform and Innovation - Raised over \$500k to establish a start-up organisation - the Community Services Industry Alliance (CSIA) - a significant new entity independent of government funding
- Sharpening public service advice – Co-design and deliver unique courses and resources to help public servants improve the quality of their written advice to busy decision-makers.

Career Summary

- Consultant (Anna Moynihan Consulting) 2015 -
Principal (<https://www.annamoynihanconsulting.com.au>)
- 'Mastering the Craft of Advising Government' courses 2017 -
Trainer (<https://www.craftofadvisinggovernment.com.au>)
- Advisory Council to the Energy and Water Ombudsman Qld Chair 2016 – 2021
- UnitingCare Queensland 2012 - 2015
Director Strategy
- Department of Communities Qld Government 2006 - 2012
Assistant Director-General, Deputy Director-General
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet Qld Government 2001 – 2006
Principal Policy Advisor, Director, Executive Director
- Department of Health and Aged Care Commonwealth Government 1998 – 2001
Senior Project Officer, Assistant Director, Director
- Women's Health Qld-Wide 1992 - 1997
Manager
- Various social worker positions in Qld and UK 1979 – 1992
including Senior Social Worker, Royal Women's Hospital, Brisbane

Education

- Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors 2013
- Master of Public Sector Management (1st Class Hons, Griffith University) 2001
- Certificate of Health Economics (Distinction, Monash University) 1996
- Certificate in Horticultural Practice (TAFE) 1996
- Bachelor of Social Work (University of Queensland) 1979

Professional Memberships

- Australian Institute of Company Directors