

New Secretary for Attorney-General's Department

Mr Roger Wilkins AO is Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, a position he has held since September 2008.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Department, he was Head of the Government and Public Sector Group Australia and New Zealand with Citi and was Citi's global public sector leader on climate change from 2006-2008.

From 1992-2006, Mr Wilkins was the Director-General of The Cabinet Office in New South Wales where he played a leading role in areas of reform in administration and law, corporatisation and micro-economic reform. Other areas included Commonwealth-State relations, negotiation of agreements on competition policy, international treaties, mutual recognition, electricity, the environment, and health reform.

Mr Wilkins has chaired a number of national taskforces and committees dealing with public sector reform, including the Council of Australian Government Committee on Regulatory Reform, the National Health Taskforce on Mental Health and the National



Emissions Trading Taskforce. He was New South Wales' representative on the Senior Officials Committee for the Council of Australian Governments.

Mr Wilkins was responsible for the Greenhouse Office, the introduction of an emissions trading scheme in New South Wales and design of a national emissions trading scheme for Australia as chair of a national taskforce. He has recently led the strategic review of climate change programs for the Commonwealth Government.

He is a member of the Board of the International Forum of Federations and advises different federal systems especially on fiscal issues.

Mr Wilkins was the Director-General of the Ministry of Arts from 2001-2006. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2007 for service to public administration in New South Wales, particularly as a contributor to a range of policy initiatives, and to arts administration.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Australian Journal of Emergency Management, Vol. 19, No. 1, March, 2004.

Journal Entry: 'Integration of emergency risk management into West Australian indigenous communities' by Moya Newman and Scott Andrew Smith.

I have been reading the above journal entry and have noticed an item which may need looking at. It states "Between April and November, the coastline is subjected to tropical weather conditions".

Should this be November to April?

Regards,
Nicholas Preston
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We have checked with the Authors and the Bureau of Meteorology and indeed both confirm the coastline of Western Australia is subjected to tropical weather conditions from November to April. We have made a note of this on our website for future reference.