

RESUME: ANNTONETTE DAILEY

With 18 years experience in the Australian Government, coupled with private sector experience in corporate, not-for-profit and consultancy, I bring a wealth of experience in organisational performance and executive leadership. With senior experience across multiple Government portfolios, I lead government activities including working with members of Parliament, policy analysis and submissions, engagement with peak bodies and presenting at policy forums as a capable speaker across a broad spectrum of issues.

Employment History

Board Member

Space Industry Association of Australia

December 2024 – current

Elected by members of SIAA to represent issues of importance to the space industry in Australia as part of a Board. It is a two-year term.

Deputy Chair and Division Committee

Engineers Australia

Deputy Chair of the National Committee for Space Engineering (elected in September 2024) and as Canberra Division Committee (elected to commence in 2025). Delivered a major policy paper for members advocating for a stronger space sector.

Head of Government Relations

Virgin Australia

April 2024 – current

Cover all aspects of Government Relations for Virgin Australia, including engagement with Parliamentarians and Government officials to achieve outcomes. Working across complex policy and programs, I engage on topics ranging from environmental sustainability, competition policy, national security, consumer obligations – essentially multiple portfolios and ministerial offices.

Chair, Co-Founder

Australian Space Diversity Alliance

March 2024 – current

Lead the establishment and implementation of the Alliance with a specific focus of gaining high profile support and funding to deliver on the purpose and charter for the Alliance.

Victoria Defence Council

Ministerial Appointment

September 2023 – current (3-year term)

Advise the Minister and Victorian Government on strategies to develop and sustain Victoria's defence and space industry capabilities.

Aviation Aerospace Australia

Board Member

September 2023 – current (2 years term)

A/AA is a not-for profit industry association supporting sustainable use of airways. I provide advice and assist on major activities, particularly engaging with parliamentary processes.

Executive Management and Strategy Advisor

Multiple clients

February 2023 – current.

Multiple clients across a range of industry, focusing on technology, defence and project management.

Employer Name: Australian Space Agency
Date: July 2018 - January 2023
Position: Executive Director / Operating Officer

Responsibilities:

- Engaging with the space sector with the establishment of the Australian Space Agency, including leading relationships with academic, industry, government, international organisations, particularly for South Australia, the headquarters of the Agency.

- Providing advice and direction on programs to be delivered and reviewing business cases, funding proposals and
- In final two years, fulfilling the role as chief operating officer, providing leadership, strategic policy and stakeholder engagement across the Agency:
 - Representing the Agency at Senate Estimates hearings – delivering frank and fearless advice to Parliament on opportunities.
 - Providing final point of clearance on policy proposals, briefings, parliamentary and senior Government briefings by exercising judgement and ensuring quality of advice.
 - Supporting staff to set priorities, demonstrating leadership by being visible and proactive in engagement internally, with peers and other Government and Industry representatives.
- As part of the leadership team, providing organisational strategic leadership
- Represent the Agency at events, including high profile keynote presentations as well as being the lead for delegation visits to the Australian Space Agency headquarters including Governor General, Ambassadors and Ministers across a range of portfolios.
- Lead all operations of the Agency – governance, finance, parliamentary, logistics, human resources, audit risk and assurance, program management, coordination and events.
- Lead communications and media – including the brand of the Agency, as well as speeches, media coordination and responding to enquiries.
- Lead the ‘inspiration’ pillar of the Australian Civil Space Strategy, including all education, STEM and communication for the Agency. This includes establishing the Australian Space Discovery Centre.
- Engagement with the Minister’s Office and responding to all ministerial requirements including managing Parliamentary requests.

Employer Name: Bureau of Meteorology
 Date: October 2017 - July 2018
 Position: Director and A/g SESB1

Responsibilities:

- Provide the services of a Government relations and policy advice to the Bureau in a newly established roles with a focus on:
 - Lead the writing of major business cases for funding, policy frameworks and internal reviews for the Bureau as part of cabinet processes.
 - Support charging framework, working with the Space Weather Services area of the Bureau.
 - Role of Government liaison, engaging with government officials to ensure that the reviews, business cases, policies meets Government requirements. This involves working with multiple agencies such as the Department of Finance, PM&C and Environment and occasionally other agencies to ensure that their strategic needs and requirements are met.
- Lead the implementation of the Bureau's strategy, including implementation of Business & Operating models, establishment of new processes that are driven by the new Strategy.
- Provide project implementation support and advice to areas of the Bureau undertaking major change initiatives.
- Working with Bureau executive team to improve understanding of the Government's requirements of the Bureau to engage them in decision making.

Employer Name: Department of Communications and the Arts
 Date: October 2016 - October 2017
 Position: Director and a/g SES B1

Responsibilities:

- Working with sensitive stakeholders to understand their needs, communicate it to Government as well as a Board and ensure solutions are effective and efficient.
- Managing the Telecommunications in New Development’s policy implementation and resolving issues related to the policy, including concerns by developers and members of the public. These include sensitive and time critical briefings, engaging with telecommunication carriers and working with the Ministers office to achieve outcomes and resolve critical issues.

- Engaging closely with other carriers, particularly NBN Limited Co (nbn) and Telstra on issues relating to powers & immunities, new developments, smart cities, 5G and other similar policies.
- Responding to policy and regulatory impacts associated with carrier powers and immunities, including

Employer Name: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
 Dates: September 2012 - June 2016
 Position: Director and A/g SES B1

Responsibilities/Achievements:

- Took a lead role with the Prime Minister’s visit to the Torres Strait in August 2015. This included leading all engagement with Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentary leaders and secretaries of Departments. This included managing a number of complex policy issues and significant logistical challenges such as setting itineraries and being the go-to person for government officials attending the visit.
- Scope, develop and test new policy proposals across multiple topics as part of the cabinet and budgetary support role in the Group. I received NPPs put forward to the Department by other agencies for review and supported Group NPPs being put forward for Cabinet consideration.
- Design and implement the strategic risk management framework for Indigenous funding across the \$4 billion Indigenous Advancement Strategy, including all service provider capability and risk.
- Support Senior Executives in the department to implement a new structure in the Indigenous Affairs Group including the preparation of communication material and papers to articulate the structure. This was for over 1000 staff and involved facilitating movement of senior staff between functions as well as reducing staffing to meet budget requirements.
- Led the policy and parliamentary engagement of the \$5.5 billion remote housing national partnership.

Education/Qualifications

Institution: Australian National University
 Qualification: Doctorate, majoring in Political Science and International Relations
 Year: 2025 – 2028 (proposed)

Institution: Australian National University
 Qualification: Masters, National Security Policy – scholarship recipient
 Year: 2024

Institution: International Space University
 Qualification: Executive management course
 Year: 2019

Institution: Engineers Australia
 Qualification: Chartered Professional Engineer
 Year: 2013

Institution: University of Technology, Sydney
 Qualifications: B. Engineering (Environmental) with Honours, Dip in Engineering Practice.
 Year: 2008

Awards and Recognition

- Elevate Scholar (~\$150k towards PhD) through Australian Technology Science and Engineering
- Superstars of STEM 2025-2026 through Science and Technology Australia
- 2024 ACT Professional Engineer of the Year, Finalist
- 2024, Space Mentor of the Year, Finalist
- 2023-24 NIC/NSC Scholarship recipient, National Security College,