



Dr Christine Williams

Acting Queensland Chief Scientist

Dr Christine Williams is acting in the role of Queensland Chief Scientist. In this role she will be accountable for science policy, providing strategic guidance across a range of government departments, and will also be involved with a number of reviews and enquiries.

Christine will provide leadership in science policy development and implementation supported by the department and provide high level, strategic advice to the Queensland Government on the role of science, research and innovation in meeting Queensland's economic challenges. She will also provide advice on maximising opportunities from the Government's investment in research and development.

Christine will also act as an ambassador for Queensland science, fostering cooperation and collaboration amongst the government, research, industry and community sectors; raising Queensland's profile as a smart region characterised by world class research and investment opportunities; and engaging the community in better understanding the importance of science, research and innovation in the state's future economic, social and environmental wellbeing.

In her previous role as Assistant Director-General, Science, Christine has worked in close partnership with other government agencies (state and federal), universities and other research groups, as well as industry, a role she will continue to perform and expand upon as Acting Chief Scientist. Christine will focus on harnessing the opportunities provided by the Advance Queensland initiative to attract and retain world class research and scientific talent to Queensland and grow the jobs of the future.

Christine was previously an academic at Queensland University of Technology and The University of Queensland where she was responsible for teaching statistics and econometrics.

Christine is an economist by training with a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Queensland and a Master of Philosophy from Oxford University.

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