

Strategic Investment Advisory Panel – Chair Biography

Peter O'Brien

Peter brings with him an impressive reputation as a leader in rural research and development, science, new and emerging rural industries, agriculture and natural resource management. He was formerly the Managing Director of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, Executive Director of the Bureau of Rural Sciences, and Professorial Fellow and Director of the Murray-Darling Basin Futures Collaborative Research Network. As a member of the Executive Leadership Team of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, he was part of the primary decision making body on strategic, policy and operational issues across the department. He currently works in senior consultancy, specialising in strategy, facilitation and executive development, as well as chairing bodies including: the Commonwealth Fisheries Research Advisory Committee; the Institute for Applied Ecology Expert Advisory Panel; the UC Collaborative Indigenous Research Initiative; and the National Carp Control Program Scientific Advisory Group.
