

Cheryl Vardon, Principal Commissioner, Queensland Family and Child Commission



Cheryl Vardon was appointed Principal Commissioner at the Queensland Family and Child Commission in September 2015. She has a distinguished career in education, community and children’s services with a track record of leadership and expertise in the oversight of policy into strategies and outcomes. Having held Chief Executive and senior management positions in private, public and not-for-profit organisations she is highly experienced in representing Australian governments, companies and organisations both nationally and internationally.

Cheryl has held many board and university council positions and statutory roles on tribunals and commissions including the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and the Commonwealth Safety and Rehabilitation Compensation Commission. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and a Fellow of the Australian College of Education. She is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

In 2004, while Commissioner for Public Administration in the ACT, Cheryl led a review into “the Territory as Parent” and “The Territories’ Children” (the “Vardon” Report) of child protection services which led to changes in child management in the ACT and the establishment of an ACT Children’s Commissioner.