

OUR BOARD

R. L. WILLIAMS (CHAIR)

Appointed 1 December 2019

The QBC Board Chair, R. L. Williams, has served as Company Secretary and Director of Future Skills Limited, a recognised training organisation, since 2009. Mr Williams has also worked as Company Secretary and Director of Connect Assess Australia Limited (trading as Future Skills International) since 2011 and Future Skills Management and Consulting since its inception.

Mr Williams has in the past served as Director and Trustee with Energy Super; and as a member of Energy Super's Audit and Risk, Membership Services, Investment, Remuneration and Governance Committees; He has also served as a Director of Construction Skills Queensland; Energy Skills Queensland and is a past member of the Electrical Safety Board, and is currently conducting a review into the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* and *Electrical Safety Regulation 2002*. He was ALP Queensland State President from 2012 to 2016 and is a former State Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland.

MICHELLE JAMES (DEPUTY CHAIR)

Appointed 1 December 2019

LLB (Hons), GAICD

The QBC Board Deputy Chair, Ms James, is a Principal and Director with law firm Maurice Blackburn. She has over 20 years' experience in personal injuries litigation and significant experience advocating for the rights of injured people, particularly survivors of child sexual abuse, heading up Maurice Blackburn's national Abuse Law practice. She has authored submissions to, and appeared before, numerous State and Federal Parliamentary and Senate Committees in relation to matters impacting injured people and survivors of child sexual abuse.

She has expertise in organisational leadership and governance, and is an advocate for inclusion and diversity in governance. Ms James was the first woman President of the Australian Lawyers Alliance in Queensland, and is now a national Director. She was the 2013 Recipient of the Queensland Law Society Agnes McWhinney Award, and is a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist.

LESLEY ANDERSON

Appointed 1 December 2019

B.Com (Hons), M.Ec (Hons), GAICD

QBC Board member
Ms Anderson is an economist with experience in government policy, regulation and long-term liability insurance. Her most significant regulatory role was as Queensland's Insurance Commissioner for Motor Accident Personal Injury Insurance from 1996 to 2007. Other roles include her early career with the Reserve Bank of Australia, and more recently with the Northern Territory Insurance Office.

Ms Anderson was a member of the Board of the National Injury Insurance Agency Queensland from 2017 to 2021 and served as a director of Ports North (Far North Queensland Ports Corporation) and as Chair of its Audit Committee from 2009 to 2012. She has also served on boards of not-for-profit organisations providing social assistance programs.

ANDREW HICKMAN

Appointed 1 December 2019

QBC Board member
Mr Hickman is the CEO of FVS Services Group Pty Ltd and President of the National Fire Industry Association. He holds several high-level positions within other companies and organisations. He brings a wealth of experience to the Board, including skills in change leadership and management, negotiation and strategic and solution-based thinking.

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JADE INGHAM

Appointed 1 December 2019

QBC Board member Mr Ingham is the CFMEU Assistant Divisional Branch Secretary, Queensland/Northern Territory. He also holds the position of National Divisional President of the CFMEU – Construction & General Division. The CFMEU is the principal construction union in Australia, representing workers in respect of employment and other social justice matters.

Mr Ingham started as a full-time official with the CFMEU in 2004 as an organiser and has worked in all sectors of the industry. He currently has responsibility for training and coordination of construction organisers, negotiation/implementation of enterprise agreements and implementing strategic policy initiatives. He is currently a Director on the Building Employees Redundancy Trust (BERT).

BRETT SCHIMMING

Appointed 1 December 2019

MBA, M.PA, B.Ed, FAICD, FAIM

QBC Board member Mr Schimming is the Chief Executive Officer of Construction Skills Queensland. In this role, he initiates and leads partnerships with industry, government, employers, unions, educators, trainers, and associations to develop initiatives and programs to grow the skills base and capacity of Queensland's building and construction industry workforce. Mr Schimming has qualifications in education, business and public policy and many years of experience managing training and education organisations. He has served on multiple State and national committees and company boards, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Schimming is Queensland's representative on the Australian Industry Skills Committee.

ROBERT SCHWARTEN

Appointed 1 December 2019

QBC Board member Mr Swarten was Queensland's Minister for Public Works and Housing from 1998 until 2009, with Information and Communication Technology added to his portfolio in 2006. He retired as Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology in 2011 and from Parliament at the 2012 Queensland election.

Mr Swarten took over responsibility for the then Queensland Building Services Authority in 2001.

As Minister for Public Works and Housing, he had responsibility for the construction industry for more than a decade.

He commenced his working life in the construction industry, working for his building contractor father before completing an education degree.

He holds the honorific, The Honourable, vested in him by the Governor in Council following his retirement from the ministry and was awarded an honorary doctorate by Central Queensland University in 2006.

Mr Swarten was the member representing Rockhampton for more than 20 years.

DEBRA JOHNSON

Appointed 1 December 2019

FAICD

QBC Board member Ms Johnson is a licensed builder and building designer in Queensland. In 1987 she established a design, building and consultancy business on the Sunshine Coast which she successfully operates today.

Her passion for the business, her community and the development industry has been evident throughout her career.

Joining the Housing Industry Association (HIA) 25 years ago, she became heavily involved in various regional and national committees and was appointed the Queensland President of HIA in 2013. Since then, she has become a Fellow with the Australian Institute of Company Directors and an Adjunct Industry Fellow within the School of Social Science at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

In 2016 she was appointed to the Board of Architects in Queensland and in 2017 Ms Johnson was elected as a Director on HIA's National Board. Recently she has been elected the National Vice President for HIA, where she currently chairs the Board's Asset Committee and is the Board's representative on HIA's National Technical Committee.

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CATH BROKENBOROUGH

Appointed 1 December 2019

*BA, Dip WHS, Dip
Environmental Construction
Management, TAE Workplace
Training and Assessment,
GAICD*

QBC Board member Ms Brokenborough is a proud Wiradjuri woman living on Quandamooka Country in the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. She has 30 years of construction and property industry management experience, including construction, risk, environment, heritage and safety management; and development and delivery of construction skills courses.

She is the Chair of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre and has previous Board experience with the NSW Government Building and Construction Industry Long Service Leave Corporation.

Ms Brokenborough is also involved in advancing the national conversation on reconciliation and the constitutional recognition of Australia's First Nations peoples. This includes driving change in construction and property industry practices to better engage and employ First Nations people and businesses.

MEG FRISBY

Appointed 1 December 2019

LLB

QBC Board member Ms Frisby is a lawyer by profession and is the Director of Meg Frisby Consulting, a stakeholder relations and business development consultancy based in north Queensland. Ms Frisby specialises in working with local councils, indigenous organisations and small to medium-sized enterprises.

She has extensive private and public sector experience having worked in the legal field as a lawyer, a Chief of Staff in State and Local Government and in the resources sector as a Stakeholder Relations Specialist. Ms Frisby has served on boards of not-for-profit organisations predominantly in the legal and social services sector.