

## Ms Kaylene Gulich

### Chair

**Experience and expertise:** *Leadership, WA economy, public policy, financial management, commercial transactions*

Ms Gulich has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC) since February 2019, where she oversees investment management and financial advisory services for the Western Australian public sector.

She is an experienced Chair, undertaking this role for a large number of government projects and priorities throughout her career. Currently she is the Chair of the Department of Health's Audit and Risk Committee and the Waste Authority's Performance, Evaluation and Risk Committee. Ms Gulich is also a member of CPA Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Treasurer of the Institute of Public Administration Australia and Director on the Board of VenuesWest.

Ms Gulich was awarded a Public Service Medal in the June 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours for outstanding public service to WA. In particular, she was awarded for her commitment, passion, expertise and work ethic to go above and beyond to deliver good outcomes for WA's public sector and the broader community.

Ms Gulich has extensive experience and expertise in public policy, financial management, commercial transactions and WA's economy. She has had a remarkable career ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of services – with a focus on improving the WA Government's financial systems and operations, accounting standards and regulatory practices.

With impressive credentials, including a Masters in Leadership and Management and a Masters in Business Administration, Ms Gulich has worked in a number of prominent positions.

Positions held have included Deputy Chairperson of the WATC board; Executive Director of Infrastructure and Finance, and Executive Director Economic within the Department of Treasury; and Director of the Gold Corporation.

## Dr Mia Carbon

### DPIRD expertise

**Experience and expertise:** *biosecurity policy, governance, legislation, animal disease and welfare, international trade, animal and plant pest and disease emergency response*

Dr Carbon has been working with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for 10 years and is currently Executive Director of Biosecurity. Previous positions held within DPIRD have included Director Biosecurity Strategy, Chief Veterinary Officer for Western Australia, and Manager Animal Disease Control.

Dr Carbon is a qualified veterinarian, making an auspicious start to her career with impressive accolades for her academic achievements. Today she plays a leading role in delivering WA's biosecurity system and emergency response capabilities.

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This includes enhancing preparedness, surveillance and pest and disease control across plant, animal and invasive species biosecurity; delivering diagnostic laboratory capability for the State's agriculture and aquatic primary industries; and delivering the \$22 million Boosting Biosecurity Defences program.

She has also led the development and implementation of WA's suite of biosecurity legislation and policies across the State's pre-border, border and post-border biosecurity systems; and helped increase WA's capability and capacity for biosecurity incident and emergency response, as well as broader emergency response arrangements (for plant and animal pests and diseases).

Dr Carbon's biosecurity expertise is built on strategic, legislative and regulatory governance experience in improving animal health and biosecurity, to protect trade and public health. This has involved high profile work at state, national and international levels in both Australia and the United Kingdom (UK).

Prior to commencing with DPIRD, Dr Carbon was head of International Disease Monitoring, and International Trade Veterinary Adviser at the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. She was the UK representative in European Union (EU) legislative reviews, development and implementation in the area of animal health in international trade. Her work helped build the UK's biosecurity capacity by ensuring the protection of animal health status while protecting trade.

Today, Dr Carbon represents WA and DPIRD on a number of State and National committees, including the National Biosecurity Committee, the National Biosecurity Management Group, the State Emergency Management Committee and the WA Biosecurity Council. She also chairs the WA Senior Biosecurity Officers Group.

## Dr Bruce Christie

### Subject matter expert

**Experience and expertise:** *biosecurity policy, strategy and risk analysis; biosecurity legislation; animal and plant health; animal and plant pest and disease emergency response*

Dr Christie is a national leader in biosecurity, with a commitment to his work that has inspired countless industry stakeholders and public servants to take part in improving Australia's biosecurity systems.

Dr Christie has been protecting Australia from pests and diseases for more than 40 years since he began working with the NSW Government in 1982, and in 2011 was appointed the first head of Biosecurity NSW. Prior to this he was NSW's Chief Veterinary Officer from 2002–2011, and worked as Director Animal and Plant Biosecurity and then Principal Director Biosecurity.

In 2014, he was appointed Deputy Director General Biosecurity and Food Safety (DDG BFS) within the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI). He led the development of the NSW Biosecurity Strategy 2013-2021 and the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

In recognition of his career, Dr Christie was awarded the David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

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Dr Christie has led and successfully managed many responses to important pest and disease incursions, including the eradication of equine influenza in 2017, which was recognised through a number of awards.

At the national level he was a member of the CSIRO Biosecurity Flagship Advisory Committee, a Director on Animal Health Australia, represented NSW on national committees including Plant Health Australia, and chaired a number of biosecurity working groups.

Dr Christie stepped down from the role of DDG BFS in July 2020 and retired from NSW DPI in January 2022.

He is currently Chair of the Centre for Invasives Species Solutions, Chair of the McGarvie Smith Institute, a member of the World Relief, Conserve Our World – Indonesia Project Management Group, an advisory member with the Board of the Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis, and a volunteer at the Illawarra Rhododendron Garden.

## **Ms Anna Ciffolilli**

### **Legal expertise**

**Experience and expertise:** *legislative review, commercial litigation, legal counsel, board membership*

Ms Ciffolilli is a senior legal practitioner whose 35-year working life has revolved around drafting, reviewing and providing advice on legislation across a range of subject matters – proving to have a keen interest and expertise in being able to quickly master new legislation.

She has also had extensive experience in commercial litigation (including counsel work), and has served on 14 Boards and Committees throughout her career, the majority of which have been established by Western Australian legislation.

Her career trajectory has been impressive. Starting with the Crown Law Department, Ms Ciffolilli has gone to work as legal practitioner for the then Australian Securities Commission, six months assisting the 'WA Inc' Royal Commission, sessional member of the State Administrative Tribunal, Legal Officer and Manager for Fisheries WA, and General Counsel (Legislation and Litigation) for Curtin University.

Ms Ciffolilli also worked for nine years as a sole practitioner, during which time she independently reviewed the State's aquaculture legislative arrangements for the then Minister for Fisheries, and prepared drafting instructions for amendments to WA's Pearling Regulations. In addition, during this time she was briefed in relation to finance broker litigation, on behalf of the administrator appointed by Government.

Since recently retiring from Curtin University as General Counsel Legislation and Litigation, she serves as Director of the SwanCare Group, a member of the Legal Practice Board of WA and its management committee, a member of the Contaminated Sites Committee, and is Legal Chair for Curtin University's Student Discipline Appeals Board.

## Dr Mark Sweetingham

### Subject matter expert

**Experience and expertise:** *agricultural research and innovation, crop genetics, plant biosecurity, farming systems and business decision making*

Dr Sweetingham spent 38 years of his career with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and its former agricultural agencies, rising up through the ranks from plant pathologist to Deputy Director General and Manager of Research and Industry Innovation.

In 2005 Dr Sweetingham was awarded the Medal of Agriculture by the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology. Much of his career has been focused on the grains industry, during which he has acquired extensive knowledge of research and innovation, industry competitiveness, business profitability and how the agriculture sector can capitalise on new opportunities and manage risks.

He has also chaired a number of important committees. These have included inaugural Chair of Pulse Breeding Australia, Chair of the WA Gene Technology Interdepartmental Committee, and

from 2009 – 2016 was co-Chair of the committee that oversaw the development and implementation of the Grains Industry National Research, Development and Extension Strategy.

Dr Sweetingham also played a major role in establishing the Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC), and was the Centre's Interim Managing Director in 2012.

Dr Sweetingham has strong experience in plant biosecurity and has represented WA on the National Plant Health Committee and project steering groups. Most notably he led reforms to DPIRD's Plant Biosecurity Directorate and improved liaison with the WA horticulture industry in response to the Tomato Potato Psyllid incursion in 2017.

He retired from full-time employment in 2021 and operates a part-time agricultural research consultancy business. He is currently a Director of the Crawford Fund (and Chair of the WA State Committee), and sits on the Steering Committee for the South West WA Drought and Innovation Hub.

## Mr Clifford Winfield

### Industry/community representative

**Experience and expertise:** *strategic biosecurity management, community engagement and consultation, natural resource management, minimal impact primary production*

Mr Winfield is a third-generation primary producer with significant experience in biosecurity management, natural resource management, governance and a special interest in improving WA's biosecurity system through enhanced community engagement and consultation.

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He was most notably a member of the WA Biosecurity Council between 2015 and 2021, and is in his third term as Councillor on the Manjimup Shire Council. In these positions he has worked hard to resolve strategic biosecurity issues, such as the future of Recognised Biosecurity Groups.

Mr Winfield started his career with the former Forests Department (Department of Conservation and Land Management and then Department of Environment and Conservation - DEC). He worked as Acting Pilbara Regional Manager for DEC before moving to Manjimup in 2009 to take on a number of farming roles, spanning across horticulture, marron farming, the wine industry and pulpwood plantation management.

His continued interest and expertise in natural resource management is reflected in his success as an environmental and heritage writer, interpreter and photographer.

Mr Winfield is praised for having an unprecedented 'ear to the ground' approach to strengthening WA's biosecurity system, relying on an affinity for community engagement, consultation and 'deliberative democracy'. This has enabled him to develop strong networks across primary industries, invasive species, environmental management, dieback, fire and remnant vegetation management, and Native Title.

His governance experience has been established through positions on a large number of high-profile committees and associations. He is currently a member of the South West Catchment Council Board, Agriculture Produce Commission citrus sub-committee and Geographic Names Committee. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a grower member of Horticulture Innovation Australia.