



Dr Paul DOUGLAS (NSW)

Statement

Following 15 years as a rural GP, and a Fellow for just on 25 years, having roles on jurisdictional committees, as a censor, assisting the LFC program and currently on the subcommittee for Climate Change and Health. I have been a supervisor, preceptor and mentor for candidates throughout my time. I have worked in public and private sectors, at a local, state, national and international level in medical leadership and management roles. I believe I have a great understanding of the College and with my broad experience and am well placed to represent members, Fellows and the College as a whole. Incorporating candidates', AFRACMA's, along with Fellows' views will help shape us as a College that has greater diversity and truly represents clinical leadership with the ability and confidence to advocate to Health departments and fully supports all our members in the work we do.

Personal Qualifications

I have professional qualifications of MBBS, DRACOG, MHA, FRACMA. In 2023, I undertook the Executive Fellowship Program with ANZSOG.

I have extensive leadership qualifications having worked in Australia and internationally across different government settings and organisations.

I am able to work collaboratively with groups from both public and private sectors, regionally, nationally and internationally, and have a recognised ability and strength in establishing governance processes and consistency in practice.

I have a proven ability in building and growing teams with a positive approach to issues resolution and have been described by others as having astute judgement and able to skilfully persuade and influence outcomes.

I have a sound basis in research, having been on the Board of three research organisation committees (one international), with extensive publications in the areas of migration health, public health, Tuberculosis, intergovernmental collaborations, quality improvement and clinical governance.

Previous Governance Experience / Board Appointments

Member of the Newcastle/Maitland Social Justice Committee 2000-2004

Board member of the Hunter Valley Grammar School 2001-2004

Board member of the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) 2002-2005

Board member of the Kolling Institute (Medical Research) 2005-2006

Founding Board member of the Migration Health and Development Research Initiative (MHADRI) 2016-present

Senior Executive member for Hunter Area Health Service (1999-2004), North Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (2005-2006), Department of Immigration and Citizenship/DHA (2007-2017), Migration Health Division of United Nations Migration Agency (2018-2020), Mid North Coast Local Health District (2021-2023)

Member of the National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee (2008-2017)

Chair of the International migrant and refugee working group - subcommittee of the Migration 5 Countries Committee (2008-2017)

Chair of the Second Global Consultation on Migration Health, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2017

Chair of the European Union review of premigration health activities (2019-2020)

Member (and lead representative for the UN Migration Agency) of the UN Committee on First Line of Defence (against COVID-19) 2020

College Related and/or Other Professional Activities (Past and Present)

NSW Jurisdictional Committee on three occasions as a candidate (1998-99), new Fellow (2001-3) and Fellow (2012-14)

College Censor (2012-present)

Candidate supervisor (numerous times)

Candidate Preceptor (numerous times)

Member of the PSAC on Climate Change and Health (Current)

Advisor to Clinical Governance working group

Support Fellow for Leadership for Clinicians as well as facilitator for some sessions 2024-present