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I am a Consultant Neurologist and Director of Research at Calvary Mater Newcastle, Professor of Medicine and Clinical Dean at the University of Newcastle, and a Squadron Leader and Aerospace Neurologist in the Royal Australian Air Force. I also consult in private practice and lead the Australian Government Specialist Medical Review Council.

Before coming to Newcastle, I was Clinical Director of Neurology at the Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane and Professor of Medicine at the University of Queensland. Previously, I was a Professor at the Universities of Adelaide and Exeter and worked as Consultant Neurologist at leading hospitals in the UK, including King's College Hospital London and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

I am passionate about advocating for better and fairer access to antiseizure medications, deep brain stimulation for movement disorders, and access to stroke thrombolysis and clot retrieval in regional Australia and the Pacific islands. I lead neurology teaching at Fiji National University and have led health systems consultancies in Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America on behalf of AusAID, DFAT, German Development Aid, WHO, OECD, the World Bank, and the European Commission. All of these required negotiations at the highest levels of government.

As Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists Therapeutics Committee and Deputy Chair of the RACP Policy and Advocacy Committee, I have influenced major health policy decisions at the Commonwealth and State Government levels for many years and would be happy to chair the AMA Federal Council.