



CRC TiME Forum Speaker Biography – James Purtil

Since returning to government, James Purtil has held various Director-General roles including more recently as Director-General of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, and DG Department of Energy and Public Works. He was appointed as the inaugural Queensland Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner in October 2021.

James was formerly the Director-General of Queensland's Environmental Protection Agency, Queensland Public Service Commissioner and Director-General of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. His private sector experience includes a senior role with a large multinational engineering, procurement and contract management firm, and he served as Managing Director for an environmental rehabilitation company.

He has also consulted to industry and government on a range of organisational design and environmental management issues. As General Manager Sustainability for an ASX top 20 resources company, he led the community and environmental programs for an \$18B project.

James' academic qualifications include a science degree with Honours from the University of New South Wales and an MBA from the University of Queensland. He is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Fellow of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government, and a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia.