

Biographical note:

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Susannah has a PhD in cell and developmental biology from Macquarie University, a Graduate Diploma in Journalism from the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and more than 20 years of practical experience in science communication with the science-media nexus as her primary focus.

She joined the Australian Science Media Centre as founding CEO in 2005. The Centre is an independent, not for profit organisation that works with the news media to inject more evidence-based science into public discourse. Prior to this she spent more than five years in Stockholm, Sweden, as director of communications for the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), an international network of scientists studying global environmental change.

In the 1990s Susannah managed the Centre for Science Communication at UTS, where she helped establish the successful Horizons of Science series of media roundtables and was involved in numerous other initiatives such as Science in the Pub and Science in the Bush.

She worked with the Federal Government on the State of the Environment Report (1994), the CRC for Cardiac Technology as leader of their Education and Communications program (1993-95) and developed a specialist course for science reporters in the UTS Journalism School (1997).

She was appointed to the national Climate Commission from February 2011 to May 2012 and chaired the Expert Working Group on Science and the Media for the Federal Government as part of the “Inspiring Australia” initiative (2010-2011). In recent years she has sat on several boards and panels including the Advisory Board of the Ethics Centre of South Australia, the Advisory Committee for the ANU Climate Change Institute and the judging panels for the Banksia Environmental Awards, the CRC Early Career Awards and the SA Tall Poppy Awards.

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