

EIDOS INSTITUTE LTD



Eidos is a high calibre Australian research institute and one of the few think tanks with a focus on public policy.

At a time when governments rely increasingly on evidence-based research to inform public policy, the Eidos capacity to connect good research with enlightened policy and available funding is second to none. Eidos brokers teams of academics and consultants from within its membership as well as from its national network of associates in order to deliver large-scale and long-term projects of importance. Our emphasis on quality research translates to good policy outcomes.

TERRY MORAN, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

“Eidos Institute is making a huge contribution to public debate and public policy formation both in Queensland and across Australia. I think, for example, of the Institute’s external evaluation of the Queensland Government’s trials of its new preparatory year for pre-school children – work that was warmly commended by Premier Anna Bligh. I think also of the Institute’s work on training, pre-school education, and human capital development. I think of its commitment to evidence-based policy-making and to working with the private sector, with state and federal public sector agencies and with governments, in order to produce outstanding and highly relevant research. In fact, looking at the Institute’s broad research portfolio, what strikes me is how much its concerns intersect with some of the central priorities of the Australian Government.”

THE HONOURABLE ANNA BLIGH MP, PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

“I was very pleased when Eidos was able to advise government after extensive evaluation that we were on the right track and that children are being prepared for school after participating in the prep year. It is an internationally recognised evaluation and what it did was add legitimacy to the idea of the prep and, along with a range of feedback that had been gathered internally within the department from the trials schools themselves, it gave us, the government, the confidence to make the investment, the very substantial investment of public funds into the program and make it universal and that will happen from 2007. I want to acknowledge the Institute’s role in that and it was a very important reminder to me of the value of rigorous interdisciplinary research and the need for more of it”.

RIGHT HONOURABLE ALAN MILBURN, UK MEMBER FOR DARLINGTON

“Its great to spend this time with Eidos Institute who I have admired from afar and the work that they are doing in pushing the boundaries of public policy. I think that the interaction that they are trying to achieve, between universities, the private and public sector is very important.”

PROFESSOR GLYN DAVIS, VICE-CHANCELLOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

“...I suspect it’s that underlying pressure to say what is our long-term future? It’s the question that keeps hitting us. What happens when the boom ends?...What happens next? And that’s what’s driving the debate. That’s why people are focusing on this with a clarity that they haven’t. We’ve talked about it for a very long time and yet now we are seeing think tanks emerge, we’re seeing reports, we’re seeing a rising sense of concern that we’re doing fine but there’s not much evidence that we’re buiding the capacities we need. And that’s where people are getting jumpy. That’s why this is an important agenda worth pursuing. And why I’m really delighted that Eidos is here to do so.”

THE HONOURABLE TIM FISCHER, 11TH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

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The Honourable Tim Fischer
11th Deputy Prime Minister of Australia

“Our government is very grateful for the opportunity to engage in this partnership with academia and to bring together the governmental departments with a particular interest in social research... it’s treated seriously by the government as an opportunity for us to draw upon the best and the brightest researchers from throughout Queensland to provide us with some core research capability that will in turn help us devise public policy in a way that makes a real contribution to the future of the state”

The Honourable Rod Welford
Past Minister for Education, Training and the Arts

“A 17 year difference in lifespan would have to be one of the things on the index and a third of the population dying of chronic disease would have to be another. Those sorts of issues are sitting there right in your space. Collectively you must be the best, or if not the best, one of the very few best placed to address that sort of stuff. “

Professor Peter Andrews
Queensland Chief Scientist

“I commend you on the research activities that the Eidos Institute has initiated and on the contribution they are making towards developing and evidence base to inform the education and social change agenda.

Rachel Hunter
Past Director General, Department of Education, Training and the Arts.

“The real value of Eidos is its potential to harness expertise across disciplines and across universities, not only to establish the best possible research teams to compete for tenders but also to undertake research critical to educational and social policy making.”

Ken Smith, Director General
Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet

“Eidos is aptly named because it is about the power of ideas - it is an institute of ideas. It is about harnessing thinking to power far-reaching education and social policy reforms. We are determined to see education reform work. Sophisticated, widely based research by Eidos will help put them in place and evaluate their ongoing success”.

The Honourable Anna Bligh MP
Queensland Premier

“I support Eidos and its research capacity, and hope that this alliance of researchers will lean towards some of the innovative research areas that are beginning to emerge in vocational education and training sector.”

The Honourable Tom Barton
Past Minister For Employment and Training

“I think it’s great. Mighty oaks grow from little acorns. This is something that has got to grow organically and it’s got to grow because people are interested in it and committed to it. I think the signs show that it will achieve... Eidos will achieve the status of an Australian Institution.”

Sue Ferguson
Department of Education, Training and the Arts



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