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CONFERENCE 2016

MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND  
29 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2016



## ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO LEADERS

### Dr Gillian Sparkes

Dr Gillian Sparkes was appointed as Commissioner in July 2014. Gillian has a long career working with industry, community and government to care for and protect our environment.



Dr Sparkes gained three decades of experience working in industries that interface with the environment and community, including in the manufacturing, industrial services, waste management and water industries, before becoming a senior public servant. This has enabled her to be an effective collaborator who has forged strong and productive partnerships between government, business, community and environmental stakeholders.

Dr Sparkes has held senior roles in the Victorian government environment portfolio including as Chair of the Board of Sustainability Victoria and Deputy Secretary Corporate and Business Services for the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and also served two terms as a Director of South Gippsland Water and Chair of the Board Environment Committee and was the CEO of the Australian Sustainable Industry Research Centre at Monash University.

Dr Sparkes holds a PhD in Applied Science (Chemistry), a Masters of Business Administration and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Victorian Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia.