



Dr BOB HORTON

Robert (Bob) Horton is an engineer who has spent 25 years working for and assisting telecommunications regulators with matters including institutional planning and organization, internal guidelines, staff development, development of regulations and implementation of relevant laws. After five years overseeing technical regulation for the Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL), Dr. Horton was elevated to become a board member, a position he retained during and after the merger of AUSTEL with the Spectrum Management Agency into the Australian Communications Authority (ACA). In his two years as chairman and six years as deputy chairman of the ACA, he was responsible for a number of services and initiatives, including numbering and number portability, international mobile roaming, spectrum planning and spectrum auctions.

As ACA chairman, Dr. Horton recommended to government the merger of the communications and broadcasting regulators into the entity now known as the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). More recently, he has advised regulators in countries including Bhutan, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam on implementation of legal instruments, internal processes and guidelines, and the structure of the regulatory agency. Dr. Horton has also led standards and radiocommunications-related Australian delegations at the ITU and the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. He was Chairman of ASTAP (standards studies) in the APT for 10 years, and initial Chairman of the Telecommunications Standards Advisory Group (TSAG) in the ITU for 4 years.

Since 2008, he has also been a key consultant to Intelsat and Inmarsat in Australia for licensing and regulatory matters, both domestically and for ITU- and APT WRC developments and for the Global VSAT Forum. He has also spent some time as a founding Board Member of the regulatory body NICTA in PNG and has an abiding interest in Asia-Pacific development. His current focus is on ICT applications in various different disciplines ranging from education, health, community developments in banking and business developments which all take advantage of opportunities arising from advancing technology in various aspects of life and leisure.