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Professional Overview

I am an Economist who is passionate about applying and communicating economic principles to create better outcomes for all. I have 8 years professional experience in economic policy, data and research.

Professional Experience

Senior Associate Economist
Financial Conduct Authority

Oct 2022 – Current
London, UK

Responsible for evaluations and financial regulatory reform initiatives within the Economics Division.

Key responsibilities:

- Developing and implementing a new and improved cost-benefit analysis (CBA) framework
 - Responsible for ensuring accuracy and reliability of the FCA's standardised cost model, a critical tool used in CBA
 - Evaluating the impact of the contingent charging ban on pension advice
 - Leading a project to effectively integrate the new secondary international competitiveness and growth objective within policy-making at the FCA
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Senior Economist
The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)

Dec 2017 – Oct 2022
Melbourne, Australia

Responsible for analysis and commentary on Australian and international economic developments. I started as an Economist in 2017 and was promoted to Senior Economist in early-2019.

Key responsibilities:

- Providing economic advice and research to clients
 - Presenting economic updates to Government agencies, journalists and businesses
 - Statistical and policy analysis
 - Preparing Ai Group business surveys and research reports
 - Supervising and supporting junior colleagues
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Data Analyst
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Feb 2016 – Dec 2017
Canberra, Australia

Responsible for modelling workforce requirements to deliver government services and costing new policy proposals.

Key responsibilities:

- Modelling workforce requirements and making recommendations based on the modelling to the Executive
 - Budget analysis including costing new policy proposals
 - Reporting on recent foreign investment trends in the Australian economy
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Research Economist
Synergies Economic Consulting

Jan 2015 – Jul 2015
Brisbane, Australia

- Responsible for policy updates and economic research on supply chains, port facilities and the energy market

Qualifications

Master of Science in Economics
University of Edinburgh

2021 - 2022
Edinburgh, UK

- Dissertation for the Scottish Government on quantifying service trade restrictions using modern structural gravity models.

Bachelor of Commerce/Economics
University of Queensland

2011-2015
Brisbane, Australia

- Majored in Finance (Commerce) and Quantitative Methods (Economics)
- Exchange semesters at the University of Massachusetts and Kansas State University

Graduate Certificate in Management (Public Sector)
University of Canberra

2017
Canberra, Australia

Summary of Skills

- Data analysis to inform decision-making
- Excellent written communication skills
- Statistical software (R and STATA)
- Advanced excel skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to present complex economic concepts to a lay audience
- Enthusiasm for responsibility
- Financial sector and wider economy experience

Referees

Contact details available upon request

Julie Toth

Chief Economist at PEXA Group Limited (Property Exchange Australia)
Former Chief Economist at The Australian Industry Group

Lisa Hind

General Manager of Strategy and Operations at the Australian National Measurement Institute
Former General Manager of the State and Territory Network at the Australian Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Jeffrey Lassen

Managing Director at FTI Consulting
Former Principal at Synergies Economic Consulting
