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Bio:

Simon Watts is a Project Manager at Elton Consulting. Simon has 20 years of experience in governance and management improvement, disability policy and practice, community consultation, service evaluation and leading Boards of non-government organisations. Simon has worked across the non-government, private and local government sectors with a focus on disability services provision and reform. His previous roles include CEO of national charity, the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (2002 – 2004), Manager of Planning for the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (1990-2002) and Manager of Parramatta Council's information systems and strategic information (2005 – 2008). Simon's experience working with - and for - people with disabilities in a variety of roles includes:

- direct care worker
- public health worker
- policy practitioner
- specialist social worker in substitute decision making at the Guardianship Tribunal
- HACC program administrator and
- Senior Manager and leader of Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) disability services provision and reform.

From 1999-2002, Simon represented NSW in the CSTDA, leading intergovernmental negotiations for NSW on disability funding, reporting, unmet demand, and disability service provision reform. He represented NSW in creation of the Disability MDS and led its implementation in this state. As Manager, Planning at Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care he led extensive state wide consultation with regional and central teams on capacity building solutions to expand local service provision for older people and people with disabilities. In addition, he led maintenance and development of the population based allocation model, and new funding and service allocation.

Simon is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He has been a director of many non-government organisations including the AIDS Council of NSW, PRIDE

Community Centre, Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre and Society of St Vincent de Paul. As part of his work for Elton Consulting, Simon consulted widely on governance improvement in 2008-2010, including for local government, livestock health and pest authorities, government agencies and one of Australia's leading education research centres.