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Acting NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer

“A science informed society: the role of governments and scientists”

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Dr Chris Armstrong PSM is the Acting NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer and the Director of the Office of Chief Scientist & Engineer. Chris and the Office work across a number of policy and program matters, and science and engineering issues of relevance to Government and the NSW economy. Currently a major set of activities is on work relating to air quality in association with road tunnel developments in Sydney, issues of PFAS contamination in NSW, mining in the Sydney Catchment and quantum computing and related technologies.

Chris was also heavily involved in supporting the then Chief Scientist & Engineer on the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas in NSW, as well as an assessment of coal dust associated with the Hunter Valley Coal Chain.

He has worked in a number of science and medical research roles in the NSW Government since late 2003. Prior to his time in State Government, he worked in medical communications and pharmaceutical marketing.

Chris also worked as a research chemist in the UK (post-doctoral position) and Australia. He completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney, with Honours (Class 1) in chemistry and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in chemistry from the University of Sydney.

He was awarded a Public Service Medal in the 2016 Queen’s Birthday Honours for “outstanding public service to science and engineering, particularly to policy review and development in NSW”.