

Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Gallop AC

Emeritus Professor Geoff Gallop AC was a Member of Western Australia's Legislative Assembly for twenty years, a Minister in the Lawrence Government (1990-1993), Leader of the Opposition (1996-2001) and Premier from 2001 to 2006. As Premier he oversaw a wide range of legal reforms including one vote one value for Assembly elections, the removal of discrimination against gay and lesbian people from all WA law, the establishment of a State Administrative Tribunal, the decriminalisation of cannabis use and the negotiation of a formal agreement under which relations with Indigenous Peoples were conducted.

He was Director of Sydney University's Graduate School

of Government (2006-2015) developing programs and teaching in the area of public sector policy and management in Australia, Africa and South East Asia. He chaired the Commonwealth's Australia Awards Board (2011-2013), was Deputy Chair of the COAG Reform Council (2007-2011) and a Member of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (2008-2009).

Today he is a Member of The Global Commission on Drug Policy based in Geneva and is a member of the Friends of the Corporate Mental Health Alliance Australia. He chairs the Research Committee of the New Democracy Foundation and is the Chair of an independent inquiry into the work of teaching established by the NSW Teachers' Federation earlier this year. He is the author of three books, the most recent being Politics, Society, Self: occasional writings (UWA Publishing, 2012).