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Mr Higgins was most recently the Chairman of the Australian Government's Energy Task Force and Associate Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr Higgins has had extensive experience both locally and internationally in the energy sector and in economic and fiscal policy. Among his many roles, Mr Higgins was Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources from 1997 to 2002, the Australian Government's representative on the National Grid Management Council and on the COAG Gas Reform Task Force.

Mr Higgins is currently the Chairman of the CRC for Coal in Sustainable Development and has been a director of EFIC, CSIRO, Austrade, the Australian Industry and Development Corporation, the Australian Tourist Commission, and the Australian Sports Commission. He is a former Chairman of the Snowy Mountains Council, Chairman of the Australian Government's Management Improvement Advisory Committee as well as former member of the Australian Government's Joint Economic Forecasting Group.